

U.S. Embassy Mbabane  
Date: March 2, 2023

Dear Prospective Quoter:

Subject: **Request for Quotations number 19WZ6023Q00007-CDC Internet Service**

Enclosed is a Request for Quotations (RFQ) for CDC internet services. If you would like to submit quotation, follow the instructions in Section 3 of the solicitation, complete the required portions of the attached document, and submit it to the address shown on the Standard Form 1449 that follows this letter.

The U.S. Government intends to award a contract to the responsible company submitting an acceptable offer at the lowest price. We intend to award a contract based on initial quotations, without holding discussions, although we may hold discussions with companies in the competitive range if there is a need to do so.

Quotations are due by Monday, March 27, 2023, at 17:00 hours. No quotations will be accepted after this time. Proposals must be in English and incomplete proposals will not be accepted.

Your quotation must be submitted electronically to [mbabaneprocurement@state.gov](mailto:mbabaneprocurement@state.gov). It is important to make sure the submission is made in specific size and format; in MS-Word 2007/2010 or MS-Excel 2007/2010 or Adobe Acrobat (pdf) file format. The file size must not exceed 30MB. If the file size should exceed the 30MB, the submission must be made in separate files and attached to separate emails with less than 30MB each.

In order for a quotation to be considered, you must also complete and submit the following:

1. SF-1449
2. Section I, Pricing
3. Section 5 Representations and Certifications
4. Additional information as required in Section 3
5. Proof of SAM Registration

Offerors shall be registered in the SAM (System for Award Management) database at <https://www.sam.gov> prior to submittal of their offer/proposal as prescribed under FAR 4.1102. Failure to be registered at time of proposal submission may deem the offeror's proposal to be considered non-responsible and no further consideration will be given. Therefore, offerors are highly encouraged to register immediately if they are interested in submitting a response to this requirement.

Sincerely,  
Brauck Cullen  
Contracting Officer

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SECTION 1 - THE SCHEDULE  
CONTINUATION TO SF-1449  
RFQ NUMBER 19WZ6023Q00007  
PRICES, BLOCK 23

I. PERFORMANCE WORK STATEMENT

- A. The purpose of this firm fixed price purchase order is to obtain a VPN Circuit for CDC Eswatini, housed within the U.S. Embassy Mbabane compound.
- B. The contract will be for a one-year period from the date of the contract award, with three one-year options.

II. PRICING

In consideration of satisfactory performance of the services required under this contract, the Contractor shall be paid a firm fixed-price (FFP) per month as stated in the schedule below in \_\_\_\_\_ (offeror to identify currency). Local companies shall offer in Swaziland Lilangeni (E).

III. VALUE ADDED TAX

VALUE ADDED TAX. Value Added Tax (VAT) is not included in the CLIN rates. Instead, it will be priced as a separate Line Item in the contract and on Invoices. Local law dictates the portion of the contract price that is subject to VAT; this percentage is multiplied only against that portion. It is reflected for each performance period. The portions of the solicitation subject to VAT are:

BASE YEAR: JUNE 01,2023 TO MAY 31,2024

<b>Contract Line Item #</b>	<b>Description of Services</b>	<b>Number of Months</b>	<b>Monthly Price</b>	<b>Total Firm-Fixed Price</b>
1.1	One (1) dedicated Internet channel at minimum 6Mbps providing fault tolerance in the last mile. HSRP protocol is required.	12		
1.2	One (1)... 8Mbps ... required.	12		
1.3	One (1)...10Mbps...required.	12		
1.4	One (1)... 12Mbps...required.	12		
1.5	One (1)... 15Mbps...required.	12		
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>				
<b>PLUS VAT (IF APPLICABLE)</b>				
<b>GRAND TOTAL FOR BASE YEAR</b>				

OPTION YEAR 1: JUNE 01,2023 TO MAY 31,2025

<b>Contract Line Item #</b>	<b>Description of Services</b>	<b>Number of Months</b>	<b>Monthly Price</b>	<b>Total Firm-Fixed Price</b>
2.1	One (1) dedicated Internet channel at minimum 6Mbps providing fault tolerance in the last mile. HSRP protocol is required.	12		
2.2	One (1)... 8Mbps ... required.	12		
2.3	One (1) ...10Mbps.. required.	12		
2.4	One (1)... 12Mbps...required.	12		
2.5	One (1)... 15Mbps...required.	12		
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>				
<b>PLUS VAT (IF APPLICABLE)</b>				
<b>GRAND TOTAL FOR OPTION YEAR 1</b>				

OPTION YEAR 2: JUNE 01,2025 TO MAY 31,2026

<b>Contract Line Item #</b>	<b>Description of Services</b>	<b>Number of Months</b>	<b>Monthly Price</b>	<b>Total Firm-Fixed Price</b>
3.1	One (1) dedicated Internet channel at minimum 6Mbps providing fault tolerance in the last mile. HSRP protocol is required.	12		
3.2	One (1)... 8Mbps ... required.	12		
3.3	One (1) ...10Mbps.. required.	12		
3.4	One (1) ...12Mbps.. required.	12		
3.5	One (1)... 15Mbps...required.	12		
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>				
<b>PLUS VAT (IF APPLICABLE)</b>				
<b>GRAND TOTAL FOR OPTION YEAR 2</b>				

OPTION YEAR 3: JUNE 01,2026 TO MAY 31, 2027

<b>Contract Line Item #</b>	<b>Description of Services</b>	<b>Number of Months</b>	<b>Monthly Price</b>	<b>Total Firm-Fixed Price</b>
4.1	One (1) dedicated Internet channel at minimum 6Mbps providing fault tolerance in the last mile. HSRP protocol is required.	12		
4.2	One (1)... 8Mbps ... required.	12		
4.3	One (1) ...10Mbps.. required.	12		
4.4	One (1)... 12Mbps...required.	12		
4.5	One (1)... 15Mbps...required.	12		
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>				
<b>PLUS VAT (IF APPLICABLE)</b>				
<b>GRAND TOTAL FOR OPTION YEAR 3</b>				

<b>GRAND TOTAL CONTRACT PRICE, INCLUDING ALL OPTION YEARS</b>	
Base Period Total Price	
First Option Year Total Price	
Second Option Year Total Price	
Third Option Year Total Price	
<b>GRAND TOTAL FIRM-FIXED PRICE FOR BASE YEAR PLUS ALL OPTION YEARS</b>	

## **STATEMENT OF WORK (SOW)**

### **CDC Eswatini Internet Service Provider (ISP) Requirement**

**C.1 Background and Need** – The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) ESwatini with a staff of approximately 15 personnel currently maintains an office located at the US Embassy compound in Mbabane. CDC ESwatini seeks a dedicated internet connection to serve as its primary data connection.

**C.2 Project Objective** – The intent of this SOW is to provide CDC Eswatini with a dedicated symmetrical internet data circuit which would improve upon the current ISP service and provide access to office services such as Microsoft Office 365 suite of services, Internet, CDC Intranet, and remote technical access support from our CDC Headquarter (HQ) offices in the United States. This will improve productivity of CDC employees that need to work closely with CDC staff at the Embassy office, HQ staff, other government agencies, implementing partners and general internet research related to work operations.

**C.3 Scope of Work** – The selected contractor will conduct an appropriate number of comprehensive technical meetings and site surveys with the appropriate CDC ESwatini IT Representative to develop a comprehensive, detailed, and budgeted cost analysis of delivering a turnkey solution that addresses each technical requirement in C.4 which directly meets the project objectives

#### **C.4 Technical Requirements**

This requirement will require a detailed site survey by potential vendors to provide a dedicated non-shared symmetrical internet data link over fiber that will terminate directly into CDC ESwatini infrastructure located in the US Embassy office server room. Provide a detailed cost proposal for **6, 8, 10 and 12, 15 Mbs** of fiber including redundancy, failover procedures, and customer support

- Provide 4 static public IP addresses for inter-office configuration of the ISP service to our headquarters office
- ISP would provide all necessary equipment for the establishment and functioning of the link as well as the connection of customer equipment via an Ethernet 10/100Base T interface E and/or fiber. ISP Availability: "Always on"
- ISP Connection shall NOT use Network Address Translation (NAT). ISP shall permit all IP protocols (including but not limited to UDP, TCP, and IPSEC) to transit without filters or proxies
- Unfiltered access to the Internet is required without any firewall blocking. ISP shall permit installation of customer VPN encryption devices on circuit
- ISP shall permit Ping and trace route traffic from network monitoring devices on designated public IP addresses
- Provide the CDC Representative with Tracerouting data showing the most reliable data path from CDC Eswatini demark point to the US mainland
- Conduct site survey to determine demark point and server room termination point
- Provide a work plan outlining the steps to complete delivery of service



**C.5 Reporting Schedule** – The selected contractor shall report directly to the designated CDC Eswatini IT representative for analysis of the proposal, clarifying the requirements of the SOW, equipment specifications and selection prior to installation. Throughout the duration of the project the contractor shall communicate on a regular basis with the designated representative about the status of the project, any projected delays or issues that might require changes or modifications.

Contractor performance criteria will be based on:

- Contractor adherence to the SOW
- Technical drawings illustrating design specifications and adherence to standards should be specified
- Observance of professional standards in products and installation

### **C.6 Furnished Property**

The selected contractor shall communicate with the designated representative regarding any equipment that is specialized or needs to be provided by CDC ESwatini if any. The representative will decide the specifications, quantity, quality, and cost that is acceptable and coordinate the procurement and delivery of needed equipment

### **C.8 Deliverables**

Once a contractor is selected and an agreed upon project timeline is confirmed, the selected contractor should provide a detailed SOW including all timelines for all requirements.

THIS IS THE LIST OF REQUIRED SERVICES:

<b>SERVICE: OpenNet-VPN</b>	
<b>NAME:</b>	OpenNet Plus (VPN through the Internet) at CDC ESwatini
<b>DESCRIPTION:</b>	One (1) dedicated Internet channel at minimum 6Mbps / 8Mbps / 10Mbps / 12Mbps / 15Mbps providing fault tolerance in the last mile. HSRP protocol is required.
<b>TYPE OF SERVICE:</b>	Dedicated Internet Channel
<b>LOCATION:</b>	CDC Eswatini, U.S. Embassy Mbabane Compound, Cnr of MR103 & Cultural Drive, Ezulwini, Swaziland

THE PROVIDED INTERNET SERVICE SHALL COMPLY WITH THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

**Internet Services Quality**

Internet Service Provider (ISP) shall provide dedicated (not shared or bundled) leased channel high-speed access to the Internet; data transport media must be fiber optic, terrestrial connectivity. Twenty-four (24) hours uplink. Post Internet Service Provider (ISP) connection must be "always on" with unlimited usage and must not require the installation of any custom software on the client side.

Internet Service Provider (ISP) digital bandwidth is the amount or volume of data that may be sent through the channel, measured in kilobits per second (Kbps), without distortion. Required Bandwidth connection is defined in each service description.

For Internet Services the Internet Service Provider (ISP) must guarantee full contracted bandwidth availability 24X7X365 from the originator side to the ISP's internet gateway. Bandwidth sharing between other non-Embassy customers is not allowed. Connection Ratio must be 1/1.

Internet Service or data service transmission from the originating information server towards an end server is referred to as downstream; and a transmission from an end user towards the remote server is referred as upstream; Post Internet Service Provider (ISP) Contention Ratio (downstream / upstream) must be 1:1 /1:1.

Internet Service Provider (ISP) must provide excellent Quality of Service (QOS) for the connection, that represents the level of consistent download capacity provided, must be the higher QOS percentage possible but, at minimum, greater than 99.97% or the highest possible quality of service connection reaching 100%.

Internet Service Provider (ISP) connection must NOT, *repeat*, NOT use Network Address Translation (NAT).

Internet Service Provider (ISP) Round Trip Time (RTT) reports the total time in milliseconds (ms) time to send a small data packet and obtain a reply back; must be the faster than 100ms for the

Round-Trip Time (RTT) for internet service. Also, RTT must be faster than 7ms for local data services (for instance: point-to-point channels or web pages accessed through the Swaziland Network Access Point (NAP)).

Internet Service Provider (ISP) must permit the transit of all Internet Protocol (IP) protocols (especially IPsec), including but not limited to, User Datagram Protocol (UDP), Transmission Control Protocol (TCP), and IPSEC to transit without filters or proxies. Unfiltered access to the Internet is required without ISP firewall blocking. Filters or sniffers must not be established, connected, or introduced by the ISP for any Embassy channels. If there are any existing filters, sniffers, restrictions, or proxies, they must be identified, and removed prior lease line circuit installation.

Internet Service Provider (ISP) must permit installation of Customer VPN encryption devices on circuit.

Internet Service Provider (ISP) must provide detailed network topology map that shows all possible paths ISP use for the internet traffic between ISP hub in Mbabane and the ISP hub in United States of America (USA).

Internet Service Provider (ISP) must have redundancy in the Internet backbone between Swaziland and USA. For instance, If NAP of the host country's backbone fail, NAP Americas, NAP Sprint, or any other alternate backbone paths shall be available.

Internet Service Provider (ISP) must provide fault-tolerance Fiber Optic or Fiber Over Wireless connectivity to the very end at the U.S. Embassy Mbabane compound Telecommunications Service Entrance Facilities (TSEF) Room.

### **Network Identification**

Internet Service Provider (ISP) must provide a block of sixteen (16) public internet IP addresses on a single subnet for Internet services.

Internet Service Provider (ISP) must provide IP addresses used to identify the single subnet address in Classless Inter-Domain Routing address specification (Network IP address / 28) or, equivalently, its subnet mask 255.255.255.240, and ISP Gateway IP addresses (virtual IP addresses).

### **Network Identification**

Internet Service Provider (ISP) must provide a block of sixteen (32) public internet IP addresses on a single subnet for Internet services.

Internet Service Provider (ISP) must provide IP addresses used to identify the single subnet address in Classless Inter-Domain Routing address specification (Network IP address / 28) or, equivalently, its subnet mask 255.255.255.240, and ISP Gateway IP addresses (virtual IP addresses).

## **Network Devices**

The network devices shall comply with the following characteristics:

Internet Service Provider (ISP) must permit ping and trace route traffic from 169.252.0.0/16 and 169.253.0.0/16 to the ISP connection RJ45 10/100BaseT router interface which terminates Customer VPN encryption device.

Services provided by the Internet Service Provider (ISP) must be delivered with RJ-45 interface connectors with a 10/100baseT interface.

Internet Service Provider (ISP) must provide routers and Data media converters or transmission devices in all cases.

Power standard sources must be dual voltage (110v/60hz and 220v/50hz)

Devices must be Rack mountable in a standard Commercial off-the-shelf (COTS) rack.

One separate or individual physical interface connector is required per service.

## **Service Support and Contingencies**

The awarded ISP must warrant service support 7X24X365.

The vendor must warrant service support on site if necessary 7X24X365, services must be coordinated directly with Embassy's Contracting Office Representative (COR) or Information Technology (IT) representative from the Embassy Information Systems Center (ISC).

Expected service availability and reliability must be at minimum 99.97%.

The Contractor shall install a redundant cable, Fiber Over Wireless or Fiber Optic infrastructure known as backup line with channel state inspection mechanism, to verify service connectivity and provide immediate lease line backup connectivity services to the Embassy/Consulate.

Internet Service Provider (ISP) must have redundancy in the internet backbone between U.S. Embassy Mbabane, in Ezulwini and Mbabane.

The awarded ISP must have direct connection capability with major United States of America (U.S.A) telecommunication providers (ISPs) at Internet tier 1 level, having alternative line channels or backups in case of main Internet path malfunctioning.

The awarded ISP must provide online web access data traffic analysis graphs capabilities. Graphs must be updated daily. Graphs must retain traffic history behavior for at least one year.

The awarded ISP must provide a central Information Technology (IT) point of contact (POC) to promptly coordinate technical issues during the initial installation process.

## II. GENERAL:

CDC Eswatini reserves the right to increase or decrease this digital circuit bandwidth requirement from no less than 6Mbps and up to 15Mbps within 30 days written notice to the Contractor. The likely desired intervals for circuit bandwidth are as follows: 6Mbps / 8Mbps / 10Mbps/ 12Mbps/ 15Mbps. The Contractor is to provide fractional T-1 fixed cost pricing for this increase or decrease of digital service. The availability of this circuit shall not be less than 99.7 percent per month over the period of the contract.

A. This digital service shall be via whatever facilities are available to the Contractor. NOTE: Double satellite hops are not acceptable. The service shall be for the exclusive use of CDC Eswatini, 24-hours per day, 7 days per week, and 52 weeks per year. No on-premises satellite ground station will be considered for this circuit.

B. The Contractor shall coordinate the service and shall be responsible for the technical sufficiency of the circuit, including services necessary to establish, operate, and restore the circuit. Except for modems and terminal equipment furnished by the CDC, the Contractor shall provide all equipment, materials, and supplies required to provide the service which includes the Data Service Unit (DSU) configured with Data Communications Equipment (DCE) interface. If required, signal element timing shall be provided by the Contractor's facility.

C. The Contractor shall provide sufficient technical support to ensure uninterrupted End-to-end service between such terminal points as are covered in this contract. The Contractor shall provide, properly adjust, and maintain the circuit for continuous Department of State use. The Contractor shall ensure that the circuit complies with service changes, additions, or deletions as required under this contract.

D. The Contractor shall supply a Data Service Unit(s) (DSUs) configured with a Data Communications Equipment (DCE) interface. Signal element timing shall be provided as follows: (1) timing to the American Embassy will be provided by the Contractor's facility.

NOTE: Where applicable for digital service and for information purposes:

E. Services. This is a firm fixed-price contract for the lease of one full period, full duplex, clear channels, digital circuits, and internet leased lines capable of supporting synchronous traffic.

F. Bit Error Rate Test (BERT) The bit error rate (BER) for the service shall not be greater than 1 in 10 to the 6 bits for 99.7% of the time, for all time.

G. Acceptable Level of Performance. The Standard of Performance (SP) for this contract is 99.7% percent availability per month (100 percent less 0.3 percent each month for corrective and preventive maintenance).

H. Inspection and Acceptance. Unless specified in the Contract, the Government shall require a period not to exceed 24 hours to perform testing to determine acceptance of the required circuit under Section C. The U.S. destination point, or the U.S. foreign post shall conduct the testing.

I. Term of Contract: The required circuits shall be installed and delivered to the Destination Point on or before 60 Days after Contract Award. Upon successful installation and acceptance by the Government of the required circuit under Section C, the Contractor shall be provided, in writing, notice to proceed and shall provide contractual services for a twelve (12) month period, commencing on the date specified in the notice to proceed.

J. The Contractor agrees that the work and services set forth in this contract shall be performed during the period commencing the effective date of this contract and shall continue through the end of the twelve-month period of service (CLIN 1 through 8), excluding the exercise of any option.

K. An Invoice, suitable for payment, shall contain, but not limited to, the following information:

1. Name of Contractor;
2. Date of Invoice;
3. Original Invoice Number (Consecutive numbers);
4. Contract number;
5. Task or Delivery Order number, as applicable;
6. Government Specific Accounting and Appropriation Data (Funding Cite.)  
(Example: 19X0113-2015-X75041-180100-5327-2332);
7. Contract Line Item Number (CLIN) of item or service provided;
8. Description of the item, or service actually provided;
9. Period of performance of service or date item is provided;
10. Block/Space reserved for COR acceptance signature and date;
11. Signature, Name and Phone number of Company representative authorized to sign invoices;
12. Remit to address
13. Name, phone number and Mailing address to whom any disputed invoices should be addressed;
14. Credits with explanation and period covered.

Failure to submit Invoices which do not identify this information shall be returned without payment to the Contractor for correction.

L. Authorized Instruction to Contractor

a. No person or agency other than the Contracting Officer (CO) is authorized to give instruction, orders or directions on behalf of the Government to the Contractor or his employees,

unless such person or agency is authorized in writing by the CO to so act. The authority of such person or agency is strictly limited to the written authorization provided by the CO. The duty is upon the Contractor to determine the authority of such person or agency. Any questions regarding the authority of such person or agency should be directed to the CO in writing.

b. Contracting Officer's Representative (COR): The CO may designate and authorize a representative(s) to act on his/her behalf under this contract. Such representative(s) as may be appointed shall be designated by a letter from the CO and a copy of the letter shall be given to the Contractor. The COR shall represent the CO as specified in his/her delegation of authority letter. The COR shall not be authorized to issue change orders or adjustments. Changes in the Scope of Work/Specifications or any increase or decrease in the work called for by this contract shall be made by the CO by an executed modification to this contract.

N. Reserved.

O. Release of Information

1. The Contractor's organization shall clear with the Information Office listed below any public release of information on this contract. This information includes news stories, articles, sales literature, advertisements, radio-TV spots, etc.

2. The request for public release of information should be addressed to: ***Contracting Officer, U.S. Embassy Mbabane, Cnr of MR103 & Cultural Drive, P.O. Box D202, The Gables, H106, Swaziland.***

3. Limited Use of Data and Information. Performance of this contract may require the Contractor to access and use data and information proprietary to the Government agency or agency personnel, or which is of such a nature that its dissemination or use, other than in performance of this contract would be averse to the interests of the Government or others. The Contractor and Contractor personnel shall not divulge, or release data or information developed or obtained in performance of this contract, until made public by the Government, except to authorized Government personnel or upon written approval of the Contracting Officer. The Contractor will not use, disclose, or reproduce proprietary data which bears a restrictive legend, other than as required in the performance of this contract. Nothing herein shall preclude the use of any data independently acquired by the Contractor without such limitations or prohibit an agreement at no costs to the Government between the Contractor and the data owner provides for greater rights to the Contractor.

P. Circuit Downtime and Credits

Credits shall be assessed against the Contractor in those instances where the circuit during any given month or year that fail to achieve and sustain the minimum acceptance standards stated above.

1. Definitions:

Circuit Availability Acceptance Level: Yearly Circuit Availability Acceptance Level is computed by 365 calendar days times 24 (hours per day) times 99.7% acceptance level equals 8,716.20 hours annum. ( $365 \times 24 = 8760 \times 99.7\% = 8,733.72$ ). Monthly Circuit Availability is

computed by the calendar days per month times 24 (hours per day) times 99.7% acceptance level (example:  $31 \times 24 = 744 \times 99.7\% = 741.76$ ).

**Downtime:** That period of time when the circuit becomes non-operational or unusable for communication or transfer of data or failures to meet the minimum acceptance standards. The maximum cumulative Annual downtime that shall be acceptable for corrective or preventative maintenance is 26.28 hours ( $8760 \times .3\%$ ). The maximum cumulative Monthly downtime that shall be acceptable for corrective or preventative maintenance shall be .3% of the total available hours for the month (example:  $31 \times 24 = 744 \times .3\% = 2.23$  hours).

**Period of Downtime:** Downtime shall commence at the time first attempt for contact is made by the Government (or its representative) to the Contractor's Point of Contact and shall be annotated on the Remedy Ticket and shall continue until the circuit is returned into Service by the Government.

**Downtime Credits:** Monetary value returned to the Government for failure to meet the Circuit availability requirements. Downtime Credits shall be assessed based on cumulative downtime time with the minimum assessment being one hour. Downtime credit shall be equal to the hourly or daily rate (as applicable) as identified in the schedule in Section B. There are two (2) situations when circuit Downtime Credits can be accumulated:

- 1) Below Availability Level,
- 2) Extended Downtime.

## 2. Credit for Circuit Downtime by Situation

**Below Availability Level:** If the downtime accumulated for a circuit adds up to 26.28 ( $8760 \times 0.3\%$ ) cumulative hours or more during any one contract year (365 calendar days) or depending on the number of hours for the month (example  $744 \times .3\%$ ) cumulative hours per month (example: 31 calendar day month) the Contractor shall grant a hourly credit to the Government for each hour of downtime. Each additional one-hour increment or portion thereof will be assessed as an additional hour.

**Extended Downtime Credit(s):** Cumulative time of more than 18 hours but not greater than 24 hours for any one outage shall be assessed at a daily rate. Any increment of 24 hours beyond the initial 24 hours of any one outage shall be assessed at the standards for the hourly rate up to 12 hours, however between 12 and 24 hours the credit shall be assessed at the daily rate.

## 3. Exceptions to Cumulating of Downtime

Cumulating of circuit downtime shall include all unscheduled downtime deemed to be the responsibility of the Contractor, with the following exceptions:

- a. When the failure to perform arises out of causes beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the Contractor or Sub-contractor as defined in the Termination for Default clause in Section I of this contract.



b. Malfunction of equipment, frequency fading and interference, errors of commission and/or omission by the Contractor or Sub-contractor, and commercial power surges or failures are considered to be normal hazards of the industry and therefore do not qualify as causes beyond the control of the Contractor or Sub-contractor. The Contractor shall be charged with credits for all reported outages determined “no trouble found” or “came clear while testing” but which exceed 45 minutes.

The Contracting Officer shall make final determination as to whether downtime is the responsibility of the Contractor. If requested by the Contracting Officer, the Contractor shall provide documentation to support claims of excusable downtime. For downtime determined to be the Contractor’s responsibility, the Contracting Officer may elect to assess a credit for each instance of non-performance.

#### 4. Payment Reduction for Downtime Credits

When Circuit Downtime credit(s) is owed to the Government, the total number of creditable hours shall be accumulated for the month and will be deducted from the payment due the Contractor in the month they accrued.

#### 5. Trouble Escalation Procedure

a. The Government shall refer the problem to the carrier after performing tests as prescribed in the Trouble Analysis procedure. Obtain the name of the carrier test person and a carrier ticket number; record this information on the Government’s Remedy Ticket.

b. After the trouble has been referred to the carrier for two (2) hours, recall the carrier for an update on the current trouble. Record the carrier’s response, the name of the individual you talked with, and the carrier ticket number on the Remedy Ticket.

c. After the trouble has been referred to the carrier for four (4) hours, recall the carrier for an update on the current trouble. If the carrier’s response is not satisfactory escalate the trouble to the carrier’s management. Record the carrier’s response, the name of the individual you talked with, and the carrier ticket number on the Remedy Ticket.

d. After the trouble has been referred to the Contractor for six (6) hours the COR shall escalate the trouble to the Contractor’s manager; also notify IRM/IMO and the Contracting Officer and the STATE IRM/ISC Office. Record the contractor’s response, the name of the individual you talked with, the Contractor ticket number, and the names of the IRM managers that were notified on the Remedy Ticket.

e. Continue to status the Contractor for the remainder of the outage or until you have received a problem resolved status.

#### 6. Technological Refreshment

After contract award, the Government may; pursuant to FAR clause 52.212-4 - Contract Terms and Conditions –Commercial Items, paragraph (c), Changes; request changes within the scope of the contract. These changes may be required to improve performance or react to changes in technology.

The Contractor may propose for the Government’s technological refreshment, substitutions or additions for any provided products or services that may become available as a result of

technological improvements. The Government may, at any time during the term of this contract or any extensions thereof, modify the contract to acquire products which are similar to those under the contract and that the Contractor has, or has not, formally announced for marketing purposes. This action is considered to be within the scope of the contract. At the option of the Government, a demonstration of the substitute product may be required. The Government is under no obligation to modify the contract in response to the proposed additions or substitutions. Such substitutions or additions may include any part of, or all of, a given product(s) provided that the following conditions are met and substantiated by documentation in the technological refreshment proposal:

- a. The proposed product(s) shall meet all of the technical specifications of this document and conform to the terms and conditions cited in the contract.
- b. The proposed product(s) shall have the capacity, performance, or functional characteristics equal to or greater than, the current product(s).
- c. The proposal shall discuss the impact on hardware, services, and delivery schedules. The cost of the changes not specifically addressed in the proposal shall be borne entirely by the Contractor.
- d. Contractor has the right to withdraw, in whole or in part, any technological refreshment proposal prior to acceptance by the Government. Contractor will use commercially reasonable efforts to ensure that prices for substitutions or additions are comparable to replaced or discontinued products. If a technological refreshment proposal is accepted and made a part of this contract, an equitable adjustment, increasing or decreasing the contract price, may be required and any other affected provisions of this contract shall be made in accordance with FAR clause 52.212-4, paragraph (c), Changes, and other applicable clauses of the contract.

#### QUALITY ASSURANCE AND SURVEILLANCE PLAN (QASP)

This plan provides an effective method to promote satisfactory contractor performance. The QASP provides a method for the Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) to monitor Contractor performance, advise the Contractor of unsatisfactory performance, and notify the Contracting Officer of continued unsatisfactory performance. The Contractor, not the Government, is responsible for management and quality control to meet the terms of the contract. The role of the Government is to monitor quality to ensure that contract standards are achieved.

<b>Performance Objective</b>	<b>Scope of Work Paragraphs</b>	<b>Performance Threshold</b>
<u>Services.</u> Performs all VPN Circuit services set forth in the scope of work.	1 thru 6	All required services are performed and no more than one (1) customer complaint is received per month.

## SECTION 2 - CONTRACT CLAUSES

52.212-4 CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS – COMMERCIAL ITEMS (NOV 2021) IS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE. (SEE SF-1449, BLOCK 27A)

52.212-5 CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS REQUIRED TO IMPLEMENT STATUTES OR EXECUTIVE ORDERS—COMMERCIAL PRODUCTS AND COMMERCIAL SERVICES (DEC 2022)

(a) The Contractor shall comply with the following Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) clauses, which are incorporated in this contract by reference, to implement provisions of law or Executive orders applicable to acquisitions of commercial products and commercial services:

(1) [52.203-19](#), Prohibition on Requiring Certain Internal Confidentiality Agreements or Statements (JAN 2017) (section 743 of Division E, Title VII, of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Pub. L. 113-235) and its successor provisions in subsequent appropriations acts (and as extended in continuing resolutions)).

(2) [52.204-23](#), Prohibition on Contracting for Hardware, Software, and Services Developed or Provided by Kaspersky Lab and Other Covered Entities (NOV 2021) (Section 1634 of Pub. L. 115-91).

(3) [52.204-25](#), Prohibition on Contracting for Certain Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment. (NOV 2021) (Section 889(a)(1)(A) of Pub. L. 115-232).

(4) [52.209-10](#), Prohibition on Contracting with Inverted Domestic Corporations (NOV 2015).

(5) [52.233-3](#), Protest After Award (AUG 1996) ( [31 U.S.C. 3553](#)).

(6) [52.233-4](#), Applicable Law for Breach of Contract Claim (OCT 2004) (Public Laws 108-77 and 108-78 ( [19 U.S.C. 3805 note](#))).

(b) The Contractor shall comply with the FAR clauses in this paragraph (b) that the Contracting Officer has indicated as being incorporated in this contract by reference to implement provisions of law or Executive orders applicable to acquisitions of commercial products and commercial services:

**X** (1) [52.203-6](#), Restrictions on Subcontractor Sales to the Government (JUN 2020), with *Alternate I* (NOV 2021) ( [41 U.S.C. 4704](#) and [10 U.S.C. 4655](#)).

— (2) [52.203-13](#), Contractor Code of Business Ethics and Conduct (NOV 2021) ( [41 U.S.C. 3509](#))).

— (3) [52.203-15](#), Whistleblower Protections under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (JUN 2010) (Section 1553 of Pub. L. 111-5). (Applies to contracts funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.)

**X** (4) [52.204-10](#), Reporting Executive Compensation and First-Tier Subcontract Awards (JUN 2020) (Pub. L. 109-282) ( [31 U.S.C. 6101 note](#)).

\_\_\_ (5) [Reserved].

\_\_\_ (6) [52.204-14](#), Service Contract Reporting Requirements (OCT 2016) (Pub. L. 111-117, section 743 of Div. C).

\_\_\_ (7) [52.204-15](#), Service Contract Reporting Requirements for Indefinite-Delivery Contracts (OCT 2016) (Pub. L. 111-117, section 743 of Div. C).

**X** (8) [52.209-6](#), Protecting the Government's Interest When Subcontracting with Contractors Debarred, Suspended, or Proposed for Debarment. (NOV 2021) ( [31 U.S.C. 6101 note](#)).

\_\_\_ (9) [52.209-9](#), Updates of Publicly Available Information Regarding Responsibility Matters (OCT 2018) ( [41 U.S.C. 2313](#)).

\_\_\_ (10) [Reserved].

\_\_\_ (11) [52.219-3](#), Notice of HUBZone Set-Aside or Sole-Source Award (OCT 2022) ( [15 U.S.C. 657a](#)).

\_\_\_ (12) [52.219-4](#), Notice of Price Evaluation Preference for HUBZone Small Business Concerns (OCT 2022) (if the offeror elects to waive the preference, it shall so indicate in its offer) ( [15 U.S.C. 657a](#)).

\_\_\_ (13) [Reserved]

\_\_\_ (14)

(i) [52.219-6](#), Notice of Total Small Business Set-Aside (NOV 2020) ( [15 U.S.C. 644](#)).

\_\_\_ (ii) Alternate I (MAR 2020) of [52.219-6](#).

\_\_\_ (15)

(i) [52.219-7](#), Notice of Partial Small Business Set-Aside (NOV 2020) ( [15 U.S.C. 644](#)).

\_\_\_ (ii) Alternate I (MAR 2020) of [52.219-7](#).

\_\_\_ (16) [52.219-8](#), Utilization of Small Business Concerns (OCT 2022) ( [15 U.S.C. 637\(d\)\(2\)](#) and (3)).

\_\_\_ (17)

(i) [52.219-9](#), Small Business Subcontracting Plan (OCT 2022) ( [15 U.S.C. 637\(d\)\(4\)](#)).

\_\_\_ (ii) Alternate I (NOV 2016) of [52.219-9](#).

\_\_\_ (iii) Alternate II (NOV 2016) of [52.219-9](#).

- (iv) Alternate III (JUN 2020) of [52.219-9](#).
- (v) Alternate IV (SEP 2021) of [52.219-9](#).
- (18)
  - (i) [52.219-13](#), Notice of Set-Aside of Orders (MAR 2020) ( [15 U.S.C. 644\(r\)](#)).
  - (ii) Alternate I (MAR 2020) of [52.219-13](#).
- (19) [52.219-14](#), Limitations on Subcontracting (OCT 2022) ( [15 U.S.C. 637s](#)).
- (20) [52.219-16](#), Liquidated Damages—Subcontracting Plan (SEP 2021) ( [15 U.S.C. 637\(d\)\(4\)\(F\)\(i\)](#)).
- (21) [52.219-27](#), Notice of Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business Set-Aside (OCT 2022) ( [15 U.S.C. 657f](#)).
- (22)
  - (i) [52.219-28](#), Post Award Small Business Program Rerepresentation (OCT 2022) ( [15 U.S.C. 632\(a\)\(2\)](#)).
  - (ii) Alternate I (MAR 2020) of [52.219-28](#).
- (23) [52.219-29](#), Notice of Set-Aside for, or Sole-Source Award to, Economically Disadvantaged Women-Owned Small Business Concerns (OCT 2022) ( [15 U.S.C. 637\(m\)](#)).
- (24) [52.219-30](#), Notice of Set-Aside for, or Sole-Source Award to, Women-Owned Small Business Concerns Eligible Under the Women-Owned Small Business Program (OCT 2022) ( [15 U.S.C. 637\(m\)](#)).
- (25) [52.219-32](#), Orders Issued Directly Under Small Business Reserves (MAR 2020) ( [15 U.S.C. 644\(r\)](#)).
- (26) [52.219-33](#), Nonmanufacturer Rule (SEP 2021) ( [15U.S.C. 637\(a\)\(17\)](#)).
- (27) [52.222-3](#), Convict Labor (JUN 2003) (E.O.11755).
- X** (28) [52.222-19](#), Child Labor-Cooperation with Authorities and Remedies (DEC 2022) (E.O.13126).
- (29) [52.222-21](#), Prohibition of Segregated Facilities (APR 2015).
- (30)
  - (i) [52.222-26](#), Equal Opportunity (SEP 2016) (E.O.11246).
  - (ii) Alternate I (FEB 1999) of [52.222-26](#).
- (31)
  - (i) [52.222-35](#), Equal Opportunity for Veterans (JUN 2020) ( [38 U.S.C. 4212](#)).

\_\_\_ (ii) Alternate I (JUL 2014) of [52.222-35](#).

\_\_\_ (32)

(i) [52.222-36](#), Equal Opportunity for Workers with Disabilities (JUN 2020) ( [29 U.S.C. 793](#)).

\_\_\_ (ii) Alternate I (JUL 2014) of [52.222-36](#).

\_\_\_ (33) [52.222-37](#), Employment Reports on Veterans (JUN 2020) ( [38 U.S.C. 4212](#)).

\_\_\_ (34) [52.222-40](#), Notification of Employee Rights Under the National Labor Relations Act (DEC 2010) (E.O. 13496).

☒ (35)

(i) [52.222-50](#), Combating Trafficking in Persons (Nov 2021) ( [22 U.S.C. chapter 78](#) and E.O. 13627).

\_\_\_ (ii) Alternate I (MAR 2015) of [52.222-50](#) ( [22 U.S.C. chapter 78](#) and E.O. 13627).

\_\_\_ (36) [52.222-54](#), Employment Eligibility Verification (MAY 2022) (Executive Order 12989). (Not applicable to the acquisition of commercially available off-the-shelf items or certain other types of commercial products or commercial services as prescribed in FAR [22.1803](#).)

\_\_\_ (37)

(i) [52.223-9](#), Estimate of Percentage of Recovered Material Content for EPA–Designated Items (May 2008) ( [42 U.S.C. 6962\(c\)\(3\)\(A\)\(ii\)](#)). (Not applicable to the acquisition of commercially available off-the-shelf items.)

\_\_\_ (ii) Alternate I (MAY 2008) of [52.223-9](#) ( [42 U.S.C. 6962\(i\)\(2\)\(C\)](#)). (Not applicable to the acquisition of commercially available off-the-shelf items.)

\_\_\_ (38) [52.223-11](#), Ozone-Depleting Substances and High Global Warming Potential Hydrofluorocarbons (Jun 2016) (E.O. 13693).

\_\_\_ (39) [52.223-12](#), Maintenance, Service, Repair, or Disposal of Refrigeration Equipment and Air Conditioners (JUN 2016) (E.O. 13693).

\_\_\_ (40)

(i) [52.223-13](#), Acquisition of EPEAT®-Registered Imaging Equipment (JUN 2014) (E.O.s 13423 and 13514).

\_\_\_ (ii) Alternate I (OCT 2015) of [52.223-13](#).

\_\_\_ (41)

(i) [52.223-14](#), Acquisition of EPEAT®-Registered Televisions (JUN 2014) (E.O.s 13423 and 13514).

- (ii) Alternate I (Jun2014) of [52.223-14](#).
- (42) [52.223-15](#), Energy Efficiency in Energy-Consuming Products (MAY 2020) ( [42 U.S.C. 8259b](#)).
- (43)
- (i) [52.223-16](#), Acquisition of EPEAT®-Registered Personal Computer Products (OCT 2015) (E.O.s 13423 and 13514).
- (ii) Alternate I (JUN 2014) of [52.223-16](#).
- X** (44) [52.223-18](#), Encouraging Contractor Policies to Ban Text Messaging While Driving (JUN 2020) (E.O. 13513).
- (45) [52.223-20](#), Aerosols (JUN 2016) (E.O. 13693).
- (46) [52.223-21](#), Foams (Jun2016) (E.O. 13693).
- (47)
- (i) [52.224-3](#) Privacy Training (JAN 2017) (5 U.S.C. 552 a).
- (ii) Alternate I (JAN 2017) of [52.224-3](#).
- (48)
- (i) [52.225-1](#), Buy American-Supplies (OCT 2022) ( [41 U.S.C. chapter 83](#)).
- (ii) Alternate I (OCT 2022) of [52.225-1](#).
- (49)
- (i) [52.225-3](#), Buy American-Free Trade Agreements-Israeli Trade Act (DEC 2022) ( [19 U.S.C. 3301 note](#), [19 U.S.C. 2112 note](#), [19 U.S.C. 3805 note](#), [19 U.S.C. 4001 note](#), 19 U.S.C. chapter 29 (sections 4501-4732), Public Law 103-182, 108-77, 108-78, 108-286, 108-302, 109-53, 109-169, 109-283, 110-138, 112-41, 112-42, and 112-43).
- (ii) Alternate I [Reserved].
- (iii) Alternate II (DEC 2022) of [52.225-3](#).
- (iv) Alternate III (JAN 2021) of [52.225-3](#).
- (v) Alternate IV (Oct 2022) of [52.225-3](#).
- (50) [52.225-5](#), Trade Agreements (DEC 2022) ( [19 U.S.C. 2501](#), *et seq.*, [19 U.S.C. 3301 note](#)).
- X** (51) [52.225-13](#), Restrictions on Certain Foreign Purchases (FEB 2021) (E.O.'s, proclamations, and statutes administered by the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the Department of the Treasury).

\_\_\_ (52) [52.225-26](#), Contractors Performing Private Security Functions Outside the United States (Oct 2016) (Section 862, as amended, of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008; 10 U.S.C. Subtitle A, Part V, Subpart G Note).

\_\_\_ (53) [52.226-4](#), Notice of Disaster or Emergency Area Set-Aside (Nov 2007) ( [42 U.S.C. 5150](#)).

\_\_\_ (54) [52.226-5](#), Restrictions on Subcontracting Outside Disaster or Emergency Area (Nov2007) ( [42 U.S.C. 5150](#)).

**X** (55) [52.229-12](#), Tax on Certain Foreign Procurements (FEB 2021).

**X** (56) [52.232-29](#), Terms for Financing of Purchases of Commercial Products and Commercial Services (Nov 2021) ( [41 U.S.C. 4505](#), [10 U.S.C. 3805](#)).

\_\_\_ (57) [52.232-30](#), Installment Payments for Commercial Products and Commercial Services (Nov 2021) ( [41 U.S.C. 4505](#), [10 U.S.C. 3805](#)).

**X** (58) [52.232-33](#), Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer-System for Award Management (OCT2018) ( [31 U.S.C. 3332](#)).

\_\_\_ (59) [52.232-34](#), Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer-Other than System for Award Management (Jul 2013) ( [31 U.S.C. 3332](#)).

\_\_\_ (60) [52.232-36](#), Payment by Third Party (MAY 2014) ( [31 U.S.C. 3332](#)).

\_\_\_ (61) [52.239-1](#), Privacy or Security Safeguards (AUG 1996) ( [5 U.S.C. 552a](#)).

\_\_\_ (62) [52.242-5](#), Payments to Small Business Subcontractors (JAN 2017) ( [15 U.S.C. 637\(d\)\(13\)](#)).

\_\_\_ (63)

(i) [52.247-64](#), Preference for Privately Owned U.S.-Flag Commercial Vessels (Nov 2021) ( [46 U.S.C. 55305](#) and [10 U.S.C. 2631](#)).

\_\_\_ (ii) Alternate I (APR 2003) of [52.247-64](#).

\_\_\_ (iii) Alternate II (Nov 2021) of [52.247-64](#).

(c) The Contractor shall comply with the FAR clauses in this paragraph (c), applicable to commercial services, that the Contracting Officer has indicated as being incorporated in this contract by reference to implement provisions of law or Executive orders applicable to acquisitions of commercial products and commercial services:

\_\_\_ (1) [52.222-41](#), Service Contract Labor Standards (AUG 2018) ( [41 U.S.C. chapter 67](#)).

\_\_\_ (2) [52.222-42](#), Statement of Equivalent Rates for Federal Hires (MAY 2014) ( [29 U.S.C. 206](#) and [41 U.S.C. chapter 67](#)).



— (3) [52.222-43](#), Fair Labor Standards Act and Service Contract Labor Standards-Price Adjustment (Multiple Year and Option Contracts) (AUG 2018) ( [29 U.S.C. 206](#) and [41 U.S.C. chapter 67](#)).

— (4) [52.222-44](#), Fair Labor Standards Act and Service Contract Labor Standards-Price Adjustment (May 2014) ( [29U.S.C.206](#) and [41 U.S.C. chapter 67](#)).

— (5) [52.222-51](#), Exemption from Application of the Service Contract Labor Standards to Contracts for Maintenance, Calibration, or Repair of Certain Equipment-Requirements (May 2014) ( [41 U.S.C. chapter 67](#)).

— (6) [52.222-53](#), Exemption from Application of the Service Contract Labor Standards to Contracts for Certain Services-Requirements (MAY 2014) ( [41 U.S.C. chapter 67](#)).

— (7) [52.222-55](#), Minimum Wages for Contractor Workers Under Executive Order 14026 (JAN 2022).

— (8) [52.222-62](#), Paid Sick Leave Under Executive Order 13706 (JAN 2022) (E.O. 13706).

— (9) [52.226-6](#), Promoting Excess Food Donation to Nonprofit Organizations (Jun 2020) ( [42 U.S.C. 1792](#)).

(d) *Comptroller General Examination of Record*. The Contractor shall comply with the provisions of this paragraph (d) if this contract was awarded using other than sealed bid, is in excess of the simplified acquisition threshold, as defined in FAR [2.101](#), on the date of award of this contract, and does not contain the clause at [52.215-2](#), Audit and Records-Negotiation.

(1) The Comptroller General of the United States, or an authorized representative of the Comptroller General, shall have access to and right to examine any of the Contractor's directly pertinent records involving transactions related to this contract.

(2) The Contractor shall make available at its offices at all reasonable times the records, materials, and other evidence for examination, audit, or reproduction, until 3 years after final payment under this contract or for any shorter period specified in FAR subpart [4.7](#), Contractor Records Retention, of the other clauses of this contract. If this contract is completely or partially terminated, the records relating to the work terminated shall be made available for 3 years after any resulting final termination settlement. Records relating to appeals under the disputes clause or to litigation or the settlement of claims arising under or relating to this contract shall be made available until such appeals, litigation, or claims are finally resolved.

(3) As used in this clause, records include books, documents, accounting procedures and practices, and other data, regardless of type and regardless of form. This does not require the Contractor to create or maintain any record that the Contractor does not maintain in the ordinary course of business or pursuant to a provision of law.

(e)

(1) Notwithstanding the requirements of the clauses in paragraphs (a), (b), (c), and (d) of this clause, the Contractor is not required to flow down any FAR clause, other than those in this paragraph (e)(1), in a subcontract for commercial products or commercial services. Unless otherwise indicated below, the extent of the flow down shall be as required by the clause-

(i) [52.203-13](#), Contractor Code of Business Ethics and Conduct (NOV 2021) ( [41 U.S.C. 3509](#)).

(ii) [52.203-19](#), Prohibition on Requiring Certain Internal Confidentiality Agreements or Statements (Jan 2017) (section 743 of Division E, Title VII, of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Pub. L. 113-235) and its successor provisions in subsequent appropriations acts (and as extended in continuing resolutions)).

(iii) [52.204-23](#), Prohibition on Contracting for Hardware, Software, and Services Developed or Provided by Kaspersky Lab and Other Covered Entities (NOV 2021) (Section 1634 of Pub. L. 115-91).

(iv) [52.204-25](#), Prohibition on Contracting for Certain Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment. (NOV 2021) (Section 889(a)(1)(A) of Pub. L. 115-232).

(v) [52.219-8](#), Utilization of Small Business Concerns (OCT 2022) ( [15 U.S.C. 637\(d\)\(2\)](#) and (3)), in all subcontracts that offer further subcontracting opportunities. If the subcontract (except subcontracts to small business concerns) exceeds the applicable threshold specified in FAR [19.702](#)(a) on the date of subcontract award, the subcontractor must include [52.219-8](#) in lower tier subcontracts that offer subcontracting opportunities.

(vi) [52.222-21](#), Prohibition of Segregated Facilities (APR 2015).

(vii) [52.222-26](#), Equal Opportunity (SEP 2015) (E.O.11246).

(viii) [52.222-35](#), Equal Opportunity for Veterans (JUN 2020) ( [38 U.S.C. 4212](#)).

(ix) [52.222-36](#), Equal Opportunity for Workers with Disabilities (JUN 2020) ( [29 U.S.C. 793](#)).

(x) [52.222-37](#), Employment Reports on Veterans (JUN 2020) ( [38 U.S.C. 4212](#)).

(xi) [52.222-40](#), Notification of Employee Rights Under the National Labor Relations Act (DEC 2010) (E.O. 13496). Flow down required in accordance with paragraph (f) of FAR clause [52.222-40](#).

(xii) [52.222-41](#), Service Contract Labor Standards (AUG 2018) ( [41 U.S.C. chapter 67](#)).

(xiii)

(A) [52.222-50](#), Combating Trafficking in Persons (NOV 2021) ( [22 U.S.C. chapter 78](#) and E.O 13627).

(B) Alternate I (MAR 2015) of [52.222-50](#) ( [22 U.S.C. chapter 78](#) and [E.O. 13627](#)).

(xiv) [52.222-51](#), Exemption from Application of the Service Contract Labor Standards to Contracts for Maintenance, Calibration, or Repair of Certain Equipment-Requirements (May 2014) ( [41 U.S.C. chapter 67](#)).

(xv) [52.222-53](#), Exemption from Application of the Service Contract Labor Standards to Contracts for Certain Services-Requirements (MAY 2014) ( [41 U.S.C. chapter 67](#)).

(xvi) [52.222-54](#), Employment Eligibility Verification (MAY 2022) (E.O. 12989).

(xvii) [52.222-55](#), Minimum Wages for Contractor Workers Under Executive Order 14026 (JAN 2022).

(xviii) [52.222-62](#), Paid Sick Leave Under Executive Order 13706 (JAN 2022) (E.O. 13706).

(xix)

(A) [52.224-3](#), Privacy Training (Jan 2017) ( [5 U.S.C. 552a](#)).

(B) Alternate I (JAN 2017) of [52.224-3](#).

(xx) [52.225-26](#), Contractors Performing Private Security Functions Outside the United States (OCT 2016) (Section 862, as amended, of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008; 10 U.S.C. Subtitle A, Part V, Subpart G Note).

(xxi) [52.226-6](#), Promoting Excess Food Donation to Nonprofit Organizations (JUN 2020) ( [42 U.S.C. 1792](#)). Flow down required in accordance with paragraph (e) of FAR clause [52.226-6](#).

(xxii) [52.247-64](#), Preference for Privately Owned U.S.-Flag Commercial Vessels (NOV 2021) ( [46 U.S.C. 55305](#) and [10 U.S.C. 2631](#)). Flow down required in accordance with paragraph (d) of FAR clause [52.247-64](#).

(2) While not required, the Contractor may include in its subcontracts for commercial products and commercial services a minimal number of additional clauses necessary to satisfy its contractual obligations.

(End of clause)

*Alternate I* (FEB 2000). As prescribed in [12.301\(b\)\(4\)\(i\)](#), delete paragraph (d) from the basic clause, redesignate paragraph (e) as paragraph (d), and revise the reference to "paragraphs (a), (b), (c), or (d) of this clause" in the redesignated paragraph (d) to read "paragraphs (a), (b), and (c) of this clause".

*Alternate II* (DEC 2022). As prescribed in [12.301\(b\)\(4\)\(ii\)](#), substitute the following paragraphs (d)(1) and (e)(1) for paragraphs (d)(1) and (e)(1) of the basic clause as follows:

(d)(1) The Comptroller General of the United States, an appropriate Inspector General appointed under section 3 or 8 G of the Inspector General Act of 1978 ( [5 U.S.C. App.](#)), or an authorized representative of either of the foregoing officials shall have access to and right to—

(i) Examine any of the Contractor's or any subcontractors' records that pertain to, and involve transactions relating to, this contract; and

(ii) Interview any officer or employee regarding such transactions.

(e)(1) Notwithstanding the requirements of the clauses in paragraphs (a), (b), and (c), of this clause, the Contractor is not required to flow down any FAR clause in a subcontract for commercial products or commercial services, other than—

(i) *Paragraph (d) of this clause.* This paragraph flows down to all subcontracts, except the authority of the Inspector General under paragraph (d)(1)(ii) does not flow down; and

(ii) *Those clauses listed in this paragraph (e)(1).* Unless otherwise indicated below, the extent of the flow down shall be as required by the clause-

(A) [52.203-13](#), Contractor Code of Business Ethics and Conduct (NOV 2021) ( [41 U.S.C. 3509](#)).

(B) [52.203-15](#), Whistleblower Protections Under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (JUN 2010) (Section 1553 of Pub. L. 111-5).

(C) [52.204-23](#), Prohibition on Contracting for Hardware, Software, and Services Developed or Provided by Kaspersky Lab and Other Covered Entities (NOV 2021) (Section 1634 of Pub. L. 115-91).

(D) [52.204-25](#), Prohibition on Contracting for Certain Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment. (NOV 2021) (Section 889(a)(1)(A) of Pub. L. 115-232).

(E) [52.219-8](#), Utilization of Small Business Concerns (OCT 2022) ( [15 U.S.C. 637\(d\)\(2\) and \(3\)](#)), in all subcontracts that offer further subcontracting opportunities. If the subcontract (except subcontracts to small business concerns) exceeds the applicable threshold specified in FAR [19.702](#)(a) on the date of subcontract award, the subcontractor must include [52.219-8](#) in lower tier subcontracts that offer subcontracting opportunities.

(F) [52.222-21](#), Prohibition of Segregated Facilities (APR 2015).

(G) [52.222-26](#), Equal Opportunity (SEP 2016) (E.O. 11246).

(H) [52.222-35](#), Equal Opportunity for Veterans (JUN 2020) ( [38 U.S.C. 4212](#)).

(I) [52.222-36](#), Equal Opportunity for Workers with Disabilities (JUN 2020) ( [29 U.S.C. 793](#)).

(J) [52.222-40](#), Notification of Employee Rights Under the National Labor Relations Act (DEC 2010) (E.O. 13496). Flow down required in accordance with paragraph (f) of FAR clause [52.222-40](#).

(K) [52.222-41](#), Service Contract Labor Standards (AUG 2018) ( [41 U.S.C. chapter 67](#)).

(L) \_\_\_\_ (1) [52.222-50](#), Combating Trafficking in Persons (NOV 2021) ( [22 U.S.C. chapter 78](#) and E.O 13627).

\_\_\_\_ (2) Alternate I (MAR 2015) of [52.222-50](#) ( [22 U.S.C. chapter 78](#) and E.O. 13627).

(M) [52.222-51](#), Exemption from Application of the Service Contract Labor Standards to Contracts for Maintenance, Calibration, or Repair of Certain Equipment-Requirements (May 2014) ( [41 U.S.C. chapter 67](#)).

(N) [52.222-53](#), Exemption from Application of the Service Contract Labor Standards to Contracts for Certain Services-Requirements (MAY 2014) ( [41 U.S.C. chapter 67](#)).

(O) [52.222-54](#), Employment Eligibility Verification (MAY 2022) (Executive Order 12989).

(P) [52.222-55](#), Minimum Wages for Contractor Workers Under Executive Order 14026 (JAN 2022).

(Q) [52.222-62](#), Paid Sick Leave Under Executive Order 13706 (JAN 2022) (E.O. 13706).

(R) (1) [52.224-3](#), Privacy Training (JAN 2017) ( [5 U.S.C. 552a](#)).

(2) Alternate I (JAN 2017) of [52.224-3](#).

(S) [52.225-26](#), Contractors Performing Private Security Functions Outside the United States (Oct 2016) (Section 862, as amended, of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008; 10 U.S.C. Subtitle A, Part V, Subpart G Note).

(T) [52.226-6](#), Promoting Excess Food Donation to Nonprofit Organizations. (JUN 2020) ( [42 U.S.C. 1792](#)). Flow down required in accordance with paragraph (e) of FAR clause 52.226-6.

(U) [52.247-64](#), Preference for Privately Owned U.S.-Flag Commercial Vessels (NOV 2021) ( [46 U.S.C. 55305](#) and [10 U.S.C. 2631](#)). Flow down required in accordance with paragraph (d) of FAR clause 52.247-64.

ADD THE FOLLOWING CLAUSE IN FULL TEXT:

52.229-12 TAX ON CERTAIN FOREIGN PROCUREMENTS—NOTICE AND REPRESENTATION (FEB 2021)

(a) *Definitions.* As used in this clause—

*Foreign person* means any person other than a United States person.

*United States person*, as defined in [26 U.S.C. 7701\(a\)\(30\)](#), means—

- (1) A citizen or resident of the United States;
- (2) A domestic partnership;
- (3) A domestic corporation;
- (4) Any estate (other than a foreign estate, within the meaning of [26 U.S.C. 7701\(a\)\(31\)](#)); and
- (5) Any trust if-
  - (i) A court within the United States is able to exercise primary supervision over the administration of the trust; and
  - (ii) One or more United States persons have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust.

(b) This clause applies only to foreign persons. It implements [26 U.S.C. 5000C](#) and its implementing regulations at 26 CFR 1.5000C-1 through 1.5000C-7.

(c)

(1) If the Contractor is a foreign person and has only a partial or no exemption to the withholding, the Contractor shall include the Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Form W-14, Certificate of Foreign Contracting Party Receiving Federal Procurement Payments, with each voucher or invoice submitted under this contract throughout the period in which this status is applicable. The excise tax withholding is applied at the payment level, not at the contract level. The Contractor should revise each IRS Form W-14 submission to reflect the exemption (if any) that applies to that particular invoice, such as a different exemption applying. In the absence of a completed IRS Form W-14 accompanying a payment request, the default withholding percentage is 2 percent for the section 5000C withholding for that payment request. Information about IRS Form W-14 and its separate instructions is available via the internet at [www.irs.gov/w14](http://www.irs.gov/w14).

(2) If the Contractor is a foreign person and has indicated in its offer in the provision [52.229-11](#), Tax on Certain Foreign Procurements—Notice and Representation, that it is fully exempt from the withholding, and certified the full exemption on the IRS Form W-14, and if that full exemption no longer applies due to a change in circumstances during the

performance of the contract that causes the Contractor to become subject to the withholding for the 2 percent excise tax then the Contractor shall—

(i) Notify the Contracting Officer within 30 days of a change in circumstances that causes the Contractor to be subject to the excise tax withholding under [26 U.S.C. 5000C](#); and

(ii) Comply with paragraph (c)(1) of this clause.

(d) The Government will withhold a full 2 percent of each payment unless the Contractor claims an exemption. If the Contractor enters a ratio in Line 12 of the IRS Form W-14, the result of Line 11 divided by Line 10, the Government will withhold from each payment an amount equal to 2 percent multiplied by the contract ratio. If the Contractor marks box 9 of the IRS Form W-14 (rather than completes Lines 10 through 12), the Contractor must identify and enter the specific exempt and nonexempt amounts in Line 15 of the IRS Form W-14; the Government will then withhold 2 percent only from the nonexempt amount. See the IRS Form W-14 and its instructions.

(e) Exemptions from the withholding under this clause are described at 26 CFR 1.5000C-1(d)(5) through (7). Any exemption claimed and self-certified on the IRS Form W-14 is subject to audit by the IRS. Any disputes regarding the imposition and collection of the [26 U.S.C. 5000C](#) tax are adjudicated by the IRS as the [26 U.S.C. 5000C](#) tax is a tax matter, not a contract issue.

(f) Taxes imposed under [26 U.S.C. 5000C](#) may not be—

(1) Included in the contract price; nor

(2) Reimbursed.

(g) A taxpayer may, for a fee, seek advice from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) as to the proper tax treatment of a transaction. This is called a private letter ruling. Also, the IRS may publish a revenue ruling, which is an official interpretation by the IRS of the Internal Revenue Code, related statutes, tax treaties, and regulations. A revenue ruling is the conclusion of the IRS on how the law is applied to a specific set of facts. For questions relating to the interpretation of the IRS regulations go to <https://www.irs.gov/help/tax-law-questions>.

(End of clause)

ADDENDUM TO CONTRACT CLAUSES  
FAR AND DOSAR CLAUSES NOT PRESCRIBED IN PART 12

52.252-2 CLAUSES INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE (FEB 1998)

This contract incorporates one or more clauses by reference, with the same force and effect as if they were given in full text. Upon request, the Contracting Officer will make their full text available. In addition, the full text of a clause may be accessed electronically at: [Acquisition.gov](http://Acquisition.gov) this address is subject to change.

If the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) is not available at the location indicated above, use the Department of State Acquisition website at [e-CFR](http://e-CFR) to see the links to the FAR. You may also use an Internet “search engine” (for example, Google, Yahoo or Excite) to obtain the latest location of the most current FAR.

THE FOLLOWING FEDERAL ACQUISITION REGULATIONS (FAR) CLAUSES ARE  
INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE:

<u>CLAUSE</u>	<u>TITLE AND DATE</u>
52.203-17	CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEE WHISTLEBLOWER RIGHTS AND REQUIREMENT TO INFORM EMPLOYEES OF WHISTLEBLOWER RIGHTS (JUN 2020)
52.204-13	SYSTEM FOR AWARD MANAGEMENT MAINTENANCE (OCT 2018)
52.204-18	COMMERCIAL AND GOVERNMENT ENTITY CODE MAINTENANCE (AUG 2020)
52.204-25	PROHIBITION ON CONTRACTING FOR CERTAIN TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND VIDEO SURVEILLANCE SERVICES OR EQUIPMENT (NOV 2021)
52.225-14	INCONSISTENCY BETWEEN ENGLISH VERSION AND TRANSLATION OF CONTRACT (FEB 2000)
52.228-3	WORKERS’ COMPENSATION INSURANCE (Defense Base Act) (JUL 2014)
52.228-5	INSURANCE - WORK ON A GOVERNMENT INSTALLATION (JAN 1997)
52.229-6	FOREIGN FIXED PRICE CONTRACTS (FEB 2013)
52.232-39	UNENFORCEABILITY OF UNAUTHORIZED OBLIGATIONS (JUNE 2013)
52.232-40	PROVIDING ACCELERATED PAYMENTS TO SMALL BUSINESS SUBCONTRACTORS (DEC 2013)



52.204-9      PERSONAL IDENTITY VERIFICATION OF CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL  
(JAN 2011)

52.244-6      SUBCONTRACTS FOR COMMERCIAL PRODUCTS AND COMMERCIAL  
SERVICES (DEC 2022)

52.217-8      OPTION TO EXTEND SERVICES (NOV 1999)

The Government may require continued performance of any services within the limits and at the rates specified in the contract. The option provision may be exercised more than once, but the total extension of performance hereunder shall not exceed 6 months. The Contracting Officer may exercise the option by written notice to the Contractor within the performance period of the contract.

(End of clause)

52.217-9      OPTION TO EXTEND THE TERM OF THE CONTRACT (MAR 2000)

(a) The Government may extend the term of this contract by written notice to the Contractor within the performance period of the contract or within 30 days after funds for the option year become available, whichever is later.

(b) If the Government exercises this option, the extended contract shall be considered to include this option clause.

(c) The total duration of this contract, including the exercise of any options under this clause, shall not exceed five (5) years.

(End of clause)

52.232-19      AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR (APR 1984)

Funds are not presently available for performance under this contract beyond September 30 of the current calendar year. The Government's obligation for performance of this contract beyond that date is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds from which payment for contract purposes can be made. No legal liability on the part of the Government for any payment may arise for performance under this contract beyond September 30 of the current calendar year, until funds are made available to the Contracting Officer for performance and until the Contractor receives notice of availability, to be confirmed in writing by the Contracting Officer.

(End of clause)

THE FOLLOWING DOSAR CLAUSES ARE PROVIDED IN FULL TEXT:

CONTRACTOR IDENTIFICATION (JULY 2008)

Contract performance may require contractor personnel to attend meetings with government personnel and the public, work within government offices, and/or utilize government email.

Contractor personnel must take the following actions to identify themselves as non-federal employees:

- 1) Use an email signature block that shows name, the office being supported and company affiliation (e.g. "John Smith, Office of Human Resources, ACME Corporation Support Contractor");
- 2) Clearly identify themselves and their contractor affiliation in meetings;
- 3) Identify their contractor affiliation in Departmental e-mail and phone listings whenever contractor personnel are included in those listings; and
- 4) Contractor personnel may not utilize Department of State logos or indicia on business cards.

(End of clause)

652.215-70 EXAMINATION OF RECORDS

(a) With respect to matters related to this contract or a subcontract hereunder, the Department of State Office of the Inspector General, or an authorized representative, shall have upon request:

(1) Complete, prompt, and free access to all Contractor and Subcontractor files (in any format), documents, records, data, premises, and employees, except as limited by law; and

(2) The right to interview any current Contractor and Subcontractor personnel, individually and directly, with respect to such matters.

(b) This clause may not be construed to require the contractor or any subcontractor to create or maintain any record that the contractor or subcontractor does not maintain in the ordinary course of business or pursuant to a provision of law.

(c) The Contractor shall insert a clause containing all the terms of this clause, including this [paragraph \(c\)](#), in all subcontracts under this contract other than acquisitions described in Federal Acquisition Regulation 15.209(b)(1).

652.225-71 SECTION 8(A) OF THE EXPORT ADMINISTRATION ACT OF 1979, AS AMENDED (AUG 1999)

(a) Section 8(a) of the U.S. Export Administration Act of 1979, as amended (50 U.S.C. 2407(a)), prohibits compliance by U.S. persons with any boycott fostered by a foreign country against a country which is friendly to the United States and which is not itself the object of any form of boycott pursuant to United States law or regulation. The Boycott of Israel by Arab League countries is such a boycott, and therefore, the following actions, if taken with intent to comply with, further, or support the Arab League Boycott of Israel, are prohibited activities under the Export Administration Act:

(1) Refusing, or requiring any U.S. person to refuse to do business with or in Israel, with any Israeli business concern, or with any national or resident of Israel, or with any other person, pursuant to an agreement of, or a request from or on behalf of a boycotting country;

(2) Refusing, or requiring any U.S. person to refuse to employ or otherwise discriminating against any person on the basis of race, religion, sex, or national origin of that person or of any owner, officer, director, or employee of such person;

(3) Furnishing information with respect to the race, religion, or national origin of any U.S. person or of any owner, officer, director, or employee of such U.S. person;

(4) Furnishing information about whether any person has, has had, or proposes to have any business relationship (including a relationship by way of sale, purchase, legal or commercial representation, shipping or other transport, insurance, investment, or supply) with or in the State of Israel, with any business concern organized under the laws of the State of Israel, with any Israeli national or resident, or with any person which is known or believed to be restricted from having any business relationship with or in Israel;

(5) Furnishing information about whether any person is a member of, has made contributions to, or is otherwise associated with or involved in the activities of any charitable or fraternal organization which supports the State of Israel; and,

(6) Paying, honoring, confirming, or otherwise implementing a letter of credit which contains any condition or requirement against doing business with the State of Israel.

(b) Under Section 8(a), the following types of activities are not forbidden ``compliance with the boycott," and are therefore exempted from Section 8(a)'s prohibitions listed in paragraphs (a)(1)-(6) above:

(1) Complying or agreeing to comply with requirements:

(i) Prohibiting the import of goods or services from Israel or goods produced or services provided by any business concern organized under the laws of Israel or by nationals or residents of Israel; or,

(ii) Prohibiting the shipment of goods to Israel on a carrier of Israel, or by a route other than that prescribed by the boycotting country or the recipient of the

shipment;

(2) Complying or agreeing to comply with import and shipping document requirements with respect to the country of origin, the name of the carrier and route of shipment, the name of the supplier of the shipment or the name of the provider of other services, except that no information knowingly furnished or conveyed in response to such requirements may be stated in negative, blacklisting, or similar exclusionary terms, other than with respect to carriers or route of shipments as may be permitted by such regulations in order to comply with precautionary requirements protecting against war risks and confiscation;

(3) Complying or agreeing to comply in the normal course of business with the unilateral and specific selection by a boycotting country, or national or resident thereof, of carriers, insurance, suppliers of services to be performed within the boycotting country or specific goods which, in the normal course of business, are identifiable by source when imported into the boycotting country;

(4) Complying or agreeing to comply with the export requirements of the boycotting country relating to shipments or transshipments of exports to Israel, to any business concern of or organized under the laws of Israel, or to any national or resident of Israel;

(5) Compliance by an individual or agreement by an individual to comply with the immigration or passport requirements of any country with respect to such individual or any member of such individual's family or with requests for information regarding requirements of employment of such individual within the boycotting country; and,

(6) Compliance by a U.S. person resident in a foreign country or agreement by such person to comply with the laws of that country with respect to his or her activities exclusively therein, and such regulations may contain exceptions for such resident complying with the laws or regulations of that foreign country governing imports into such country of trademarked, trade named, or similarly specifically identifiable products, or components of products for his or her own use, including the performance of contractual services within that country, as may be defined by such regulations.

(End of clause)

652.229-70 EXCISE TAX EXEMPTION STATEMENT FOR CONTRACTORS WITHIN THE UNITED STATES (JUL 1988)

This is to certify that the item(s) covered by this contract is/are for export solely for the use of the U.S. Foreign Service Post identified in the contract schedule.

The Contractor shall use a photocopy of this contract as evidence of intent to export. Final proof of exportation may be obtained from the agent handling the shipment. Such proof shall be accepted in lieu of payment of excise tax.

(End of clause)

652.232-70 PAYMENT SCHEDULE AND INVOICE SUBMISSION (FIXED-PRICE)  
(AUG 1999)

(a) General. The Government shall pay the Contractor as full compensation for all work required, performed, and accepted under this contract the firm fixed-price stated in this contract.

(b) Invoice Submission. The Contractor shall submit invoices in an original to the office identified in Block 18b of the SF-1449. To constitute a proper invoice, the invoice shall include all the items required by FAR 32.905(e).

The Contractor shall show Value Added Tax (VAT) as a separate item on invoices submitted for payment.

Designated Billing Office  
U.S. Embassy Eswatini  
PO Box D202, The Gables H106  
Ezulwini, Eswatini  
[SZInvoices@state.gov](mailto:SZInvoices@state.gov)

(c) Contractor Remittance Address. The Government will make payment to the contractor's address stated on the cover page of this contract, unless a separate remittance address is shown below:

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(End of clause)

652.242-70 CONTRACTING OFFICER'S REPRESENTATIVE (COR) AUG 1999)

(a) The Contracting Officer may designate in writing one or more Government employees, by name or position title, to take action for the Contracting Officer under this contract. Each designee shall be identified as a Contracting Officer's Representative (COR). Such designation(s) shall specify the scope and limitations of the authority so delegated; provided, that the designee shall not change the terms or conditions of the contract, unless the COR is a warranted Contracting Officer and this authority is delegated in the designation.

(a) The COR for this contract is David P. Talinga (Computer Management Assistant)  
(End of clause)

652.242-73 AUTHORIZATION AND PERFORMANCE (AUG 1999)

(a) The Contractor warrants the following:

(1) That is has obtained authorization to operate and do business in the country or countries in which this contract will be performed;

(2) That is has obtained all necessary licenses and permits required to perform this contract; and,

(3) That it shall comply fully with all laws, decrees, labor standards, and regulations of said country or countries during the performance of this contract.

(b) If the party actually performing the work will be a subcontractor or joint venture partner, then such subcontractor or joint venture partner agrees to the requirements of paragraph (a) of this clause.

## SECTION 3 - SOLICITATION PROVISIONS

52.212-1 INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFERORS -- COMMERCIAL ITEMS  
(NOV 2021) IS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE (SEE SF-1449,  
BLOCK 27A)

### ADDENDUM TO 52.212-1

A. Summary of Instructions. Each offer must consist of the following:

A.1. A completed solicitation, in which the SF-1449 cover page (blocks 12, 17, 19-24, and 30 as appropriate), and Section 1 has been filled out.

The Offeror shall include Defense Base Act (DBA) insurance premium costs covering employees. The offeror may obtain DBA insurance directly from any Department of Labor approved providers at the DOL website at <http://www.dol.gov/owcp/dlhwc/lscarrier.htm> ]

A.2. Information demonstrating the offeror's/quoter's ability to perform, including:

(1) Name of a Project Manager (or other liaison to the U.S. Embassy) who understands written and spoken English;

(2) Evidence that the offeror/quoter operates an established business with a permanent address and telephone listing in Eswatini or plans to establish an office within 30 days of contract award.

(3) The offeror shall provide proof of SAM registration to include the SAM UEI number.

(4) List of clients over the past three (3) years, demonstrating prior experience with relevant past performance information and references (provide dates of contracts, places of performance, value of contracts, contact names, telephone and fax numbers and email addresses). If the offeror has not performed comparable services in Eswatini then the offeror shall provide its international experience. Offerors are advised that the past performance information requested above may be discussed with the client's contact person. In addition, the client's contact person may be asked to comment on the offeror's:

- Quality of services provided under the contract;
- Compliance with contract terms and conditions;
- Effectiveness of management;
- Willingness to cooperate with and assist the customer in routine matters, and when confronted by unexpected difficulties; and
- Business integrity / business conduct.

The Government will use past performance information primarily to assess an offeror's capability to meet the solicitation performance requirements, including the relevance and

successful performance of the offeror's work experience. The Government may also use this data to evaluate the credibility of the offeror's proposal. In addition, the Contracting Officer may use past performance information in making a determination of responsibility.

- (5) Evidence that the offeror/quoter can provide the necessary personnel, equipment, and financial resources needed to perform the work;
- (6) The offeror shall address its plan to obtain all licenses and permits required by local law (see DOSAR 652.242-73 in Section 2). If offeror already possesses the locally required licenses and permits, a copy shall be provided.
- (7) The offeror's strategic plan for the provision of VPN-Internet services to include but not limited to:
  - (a) A work plan taking into account all work elements in Section 1, Performance Work Statement.
  - (b) Identify types and quantities of equipment, supplies and materials required for performance of services under this contract. Identify if the offeror already possesses the listed items and their condition for suitability and if not already possessed or inadequate for use how and when the items will be obtained;
  - (c) Plan of ensuring quality of services including but not limited to contract administration and oversight; and
  - (d) (1) If insurance is required by the solicitation, a copy of the Certificate of Insurance(s), **or** (2) a statement that the contractor will get the required insurance, and the name of the insurance provider to be used.
  - (e) Provide list of key technical staff members and their qualifications



ADDENDUM TO SOLICITATION PROVISIONS  
FAR AND DOSAR PROVISIONS NOT PRESCRIBED IN PART 12

52.252-1 SOLICITATION PROVISIONS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE  
(FEB 1998)

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THE FOLLOWING FEDERAL ACQUISITION REGULATION SOLICITATION  
PROVISIONS ARE INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE:

PROVISION TITLE AND DATE

- 52.204-7 SYSTEM FOR AWARD MANAGEMENT (OCT 2018)
- 52.204-16 COMMERCIAL AND GOVERNMENT ENTITY CODE REPORTING  
(AUG 2020)
- 52.214-34 SUBMISSION OF OFFERS IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE (APR 1991)

THE FOLLOWING DOSAR PROVISION(S) IS/ARE PROVIDED IN FULL TEXT:

652.206-70 ADVOCATE FOR COMPETITION/OMBUDSMAN (FEB 2015)

(a) The Department of State’s Advocate for Competition is responsible for assisting industry in removing restrictive requirements from Department of State solicitations and removing barriers to full and open competition and use of commercial items. If such a solicitation is considered competitively restrictive or does not appear properly conducive to competition and commercial practices, potential offerors are encouraged first to contact the contracting office for the solicitation. If concerns remain unresolved, contact:

(1) For solicitations issued by the Office of Acquisition Management (A/LM/AQM) or a Regional Procurement Support Office, the A/LM/AQM Advocate for Competition, at [AQMCompetitionAdvocate@state.gov](mailto:AQMCompetitionAdvocate@state.gov).

(2) For all others, the Department of State Advocate for Competition at [cat@state.gov](mailto:cat@state.gov).

(b) The Department of State’s Acquisition Ombudsman has been appointed to hear concerns from potential offerors and contractors during the pre-award and post-award phases of this

acquisition. The role of the ombudsman is not to diminish the authority of the contracting officer, the Technical Evaluation Panel or Source Evaluation Board, or the selection official. The purpose of the ombudsman is to facilitate the communication of concerns, issues, disagreements, and recommendations of interested parties to the appropriate Government personnel, and work to resolve them. When requested and appropriate, the ombudsman will maintain strict confidentiality as to the source of the concern. The ombudsman does not participate in the evaluation of proposals, the source selection process, or the adjudication of formal contract disputes. Interested parties are invited to contact the contracting activity ombudsman, William J Miskelly (Management Officer), at +268 2417 9000, [miskellywj@state.gov](mailto:miskellywj@state.gov). For an American Embassy or overseas post, refer to the numbers below for the Department Acquisition Ombudsman. Concerns, issues, disagreements, and recommendations which cannot be resolved at a contracting activity level may be referred to the Department of State Acquisition Ombudsman at (703) 516-1696 or write to: Department of State, Acquisition Ombudsman, Office of the Procurement Executive (A/OPE), Suite 1060, SA-15, Washington, DC 20520. (End of provision)

## SECTION 4 - EVALUATION FACTORS

The Government intends to establish a single indefinite quantity contract that includes a one-year base year plus three (3) 12-month options, resulting from this solicitation to the responsible contractor whose quotation conforms to the solicitation and represents the best value to the Government, price and other factors considered utilizing FAR 13 Comparative Evaluation.

This selection process will utilize FAR 13 procedures.

**After preliminary consideration of all offers, the Department will no longer consider offers that do not meet basic standards to be eligible for award. The offers that remain will be subject to a comparative evaluation.**

The preliminary evaluation process shall include the following:

COMPLIANCE REVIEW. The Government will perform an initial review of proposals/quotations received to determine completeness and compliance with the terms of the solicitation. The Government may reject as unacceptable proposals/quotations that do not conform to the solicitation. Offers must provide evidence that minimum technical requirements as expressed in the statement of work, section 2 are met as a condition to entering into the comparative evaluation phase of the acquisition.

### Comparative Evaluation

A comparative evaluation will be performed in accordance with FAR 13.106-2(b)(3). A comparative evaluation is defined as the act of comparing two or more offers in response to the RFQ. The item-by-item comparison is performed by comparing each offer to directly to one another to determine which provides the best value to the Department utilizing **technical, past performance criteria and price** as described below. **This is NOT a low price technically acceptable or trade-off process. This solicitation neither requires nor prohibits the selection of the lowest priced acceptable offer.**

### Evaluation Criteria

**Technical:** Technical will be evaluated on the basis of a direct comparison to other offers to discern if there is any kind of technical quality superiority that would support an award to a higher priced offer. Technical discriminators by requirement may include:

MINIMUM TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS	Non-Price/Quality Discriminators
Speed - The bandwidth available across all lines of service (OpenNet VPN, OpenNet Extension, Dedicated Internet Network, Internet) as established in the solicitation.	Bandwidth in excess of required minimums
Number of IP Addresses	Number of addresses in excess of required minimums
Mode of Transportation	Extent of fiber optics interface connectors usage

Line Quality	Evidence of reliability in achieving a. Packet Loss ≤.5% b. Availability of 99.9%.
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**Past Performance:** Past performance will be evaluated on the basis of a direct comparison to other offers to discern if there is any significant past performance superiority that would support an award to a higher priced offer. Past performance as a discriminator may be appropriate where based on the offeror's performance record, the Government has a high expectation that the offeror will successfully perform the required effort.

Price will be evaluated to ensure the proposed price is fair and reasonable. The price will be determined by multiplying the offered prices times the estimated quantities in "Prices - Continuation of SF-1449, block 23", and arriving at a grand total, including all options. The Government reserves the right to reject proposals that are unreasonably low or high in price.

**RESPONSIBILITY DETERMINATION.** The Government will determine contractor responsibility by analyzing whether the apparent successful offeror complies with the requirements of FAR 9.1, including:

- Adequate financial resources or the ability to obtain them;
- Ability to comply with the required performance period, taking into consideration all existing commercial and governmental business commitments;
- Satisfactory record of integrity and business ethics;
- Necessary organization, experience, and skills or the ability to obtain them;
- Necessary equipment and facilities or the ability to obtain them; and
- Be otherwise qualified and eligible to receive an award under applicable laws and regulations.

ADDENDUM TO EVALUATION FACTORS  
FAR AND DOSAR PROVISION(S) NOT PRESCRIBED IN PART 12

THE FOLLOWING FAR PROVISION(S) IS/ARE PROVIDED IN FULL TEXT:

52.217-5 EVALUATION OF OPTIONS (JUL 1990)

The Government will evaluate offers for award purposes by adding the total price for all options to the total price for the basic requirement. Evaluation of options will not obligate the Government to exercise the option(s).

52.225-17 EVALUATION OF FOREIGN CURRENCY OFFERS (FEB 2000)

If the Government receives offers in more than one currency, the Government will evaluate offers by converting the foreign currency to United States currency using the exchange rate used by the Embassy in effect as follows:

- (a) For acquisitions conducted using sealed bidding procedures, on the date of bid opening.
- (b) For acquisitions conducted using negotiation procedures—
  - (1) On the date specified for receipt of offers, if award is based on initial offers; otherwise
  - (2) On the date specified for receipt of proposal revisions.

## SECTION 5 - REPRESENTATIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS

### 52.204-24 REPRESENTATION REGARDING CERTAIN TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND VIDEO SURVEILLANCE SERVICES OR EQUIPMENT (OCT 2020)

The Offeror shall not complete the representation at paragraph (d)(1) of this provision if the offeror has represented that it “does not provide covered telecommunications equipment or services as a part of its offered products or services to the Government in the performance of any contract, subcontract, or other contractual instrument” in paragraph (c)(1) in the provision at 52.204–26, Covered Telecommunications Equipment or Services—Representation, or in paragraph (v)(2)(i) of the provision at 52.212–3, Offeror Representations and Certifications—Commercial Items. The Offeror shall not complete the representation in paragraph (d)(2) of this provision if the Offeror has represented that it “does not use covered telecommunications equipment or services, or any equipment, system, or service that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services” in paragraph (c)(2) of the provision at 52.204–26, or in paragraph (v)(2)(ii) of the provision at 52.212–3.

(a) *Definitions.* As used in this provision—

*Backhaul, covered telecommunications equipment or services, critical technology, interconnection arrangements, reasonable inquiry, roaming, and substantial or essential component* have the meanings provided in the clause [52.204-25](#), Prohibition on Contracting for Certain Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment.

(b) *Prohibition.*

(1) Section 889(a)(1)(A) of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (Pub. L. 115-232) prohibits the head of an executive agency on or after August 13, 2019, from procuring or obtaining, or extending or renewing a contract to procure or obtain, any equipment, system, or service that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system. Nothing in the prohibition shall be construed to—

(i) Prohibit the head of an executive agency from procuring with an entity to provide a service that connects to the facilities of a third-party, such as backhaul, roaming, or interconnection arrangements; or

(ii) Cover telecommunications equipment that cannot route or redirect user data traffic or cannot permit visibility into any user data or packets that such equipment transmits or otherwise handles.

(2) Section 889(a)(1)(B) of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (Pub. L. 115-232) prohibits the head of an executive agency on or after August 13, 2020, from entering into a contract or extending or renewing a contract with an entity that uses any equipment, system, or service that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system. This prohibition applies to the use of covered telecommunications equipment or services, regardless of whether that use is in performance of work under a Federal contract. Nothing in the prohibition shall be construed to—

(i) Prohibit the head of an executive agency from procuring with an entity to provide a

service that connects to the facilities of a third-party, such as backhaul, roaming, or interconnection arrangements; or

(ii)Cover telecommunications equipment that cannot route or redirect user data traffic or cannot permit visibility into any user data or packets that such equipment transmits or otherwise handles.

(c) *Procedures.* The Offeror shall review the list of excluded parties in the System for Award Management (SAM) (<https://www.sam.gov>) for entities excluded from receiving federal awards for “covered telecommunications equipment or services”.

(d) *Representation.* The Offeror represents that—

(1)It ☐ will, ☐ will not provide covered telecommunications equipment or services to the Government in the performance of any contract, subcontract or other contractual instrument resulting from this solicitation. The Offeror shall provide the additional disclosure information required at paragraph (e)(1) of this section if the Offeror responds “will” in paragraph (d)(1) of this section; and

(2)After conducting a reasonable inquiry, for purposes of this representation, the Offeror represents that—

It ☐ does, ☐ does not use covered telecommunications equipment or services, or use any equipment, system, or service that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services. The Offeror shall provide the additional disclosure information required at paragraph (e)(2) of this section if the Offeror responds “does” in paragraph (d)(2) of this section.

(e) *Disclosures.*

(1) Disclosure for the representation in paragraph (d)(1) of this provision. If the Offeror has responded “will” in the representation in paragraph (d)(1) of this provision, the Offeror shall provide the following information as part of the offer:

(i)For covered equipment—

(A)The entity that produced the covered telecommunications equipment (include entity name, unique entity identifier, CAGE code, and whether the entity was the original equipment manufacturer (OEM) or a distributor, if known);

(B)A description of all covered telecommunications equipment offered (include brand; model number, such as OEM number, manufacturer part number, or wholesaler number; and item description, as applicable); and

(C)Explanation of the proposed use of covered telecommunications equipment and any factors relevant to determining if such use would be permissible under the prohibition in paragraph (b)(1) of this provision.

(ii)For covered services—

(A)If the service is related to item maintenance: A description of all covered telecommunications services offered (include on the item being maintained: Brand; model number, such as OEM number, manufacturer part number, or wholesaler number; and item description, as applicable); or

(B) If not associated with maintenance, the Product Service Code (PSC) of the service being provided; and explanation of the proposed use of covered telecommunications services and any factors relevant to determining if such use would be permissible under the prohibition in paragraph (b)(1) of this provision.

(2) Disclosure for the representation in paragraph (d)(2) of this provision. If the Offeror has responded “does” in the representation in paragraph (d)(2) of this provision, the Offeror shall provide the following information as part of the offer:

(i) For covered equipment—

(A) The entity that produced the covered telecommunications equipment (include entity name, unique entity identifier, CAGE code, and whether the entity was the OEM or a distributor, if known);

(B) A description of all covered telecommunications equipment offered (include brand; model number, such as OEM number, manufacturer part number, or wholesaler number; and item description, as applicable); and

(C) Explanation of the proposed use of covered telecommunications equipment and any factors relevant to determining if such use would be permissible under the prohibition in paragraph (b)(2) of this provision.

(ii) For covered services—

(A) If the service is related to item maintenance: A description of all covered telecommunications services offered (include on the item being maintained: Brand; model number, such as OEM number, manufacturer part number, or wholesaler number; and item description, as applicable); or

(B) If not associated with maintenance, the PSC of the service being provided; and explanation of the proposed use of covered telecommunications services and any factors relevant to determining if such use would be permissible under the prohibition in paragraph (b)(2) of this provision.

(End of provision)

#### 52.204-26 COVERED TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT OR SERVICES REPRESENTATION (OCT 2020)

(a) *Definitions.* As used in this provision, “covered telecommunications equipment or services” and “reasonable inquiry” have the meaning provided in the clause 52.204-25, Prohibition on Contracting for Certain Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment.

(b) *Procedures.* The Offeror shall review the list of excluded parties in the System for Award Management (SAM) (<https://www.sam.gov>) for entities excluded from receiving federal awards for “covered telecommunications equipment or services”.

(c) *Representations.* (1) The Offeror represents that it [ ] does, [ ] does not provide covered telecommunications equipment or services as a part of its offered products or services to the Government in the performance of any contract, subcontract, or other contractual instrument.



(2) After conducting a reasonable inquiry for purposes of this representation, the Offeror represents that it [ ] does, [ ] does not use covered telecommunications equipment or services, or any equipment, system, or service that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services.

(End of provision)

52.212-3 OFFEROR REPRESENTATIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS—COMMERCIAL PRODUCTS AND COMMERCIAL SERVICES (DEC 2022)

The Offeror shall complete only paragraph (b) of this provision if the Offeror has completed the annual representations and certification electronically in the System for Award Management (SAM) accessed through <https://www.sam.gov>. If the Offeror has not completed the annual representations and certifications electronically, the Offeror shall complete only paragraphs (c) through (v) of this provision.

(a) *Definitions.* As used in this provision—

"Covered telecommunications equipment or services" has the meaning provided in the clause [52.204-25](#), Prohibition on Contracting for Certain Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment.

*Economically disadvantaged women-owned small business (EDWOSB) concern* means a small business concern that is at least 51 percent directly and unconditionally owned by, and the management and daily business operations of which are controlled by, one or more women who are citizens of the United States and who are economically disadvantaged in accordance with [13 CFR part 127](#), and the concern is certified by SBA or an approved third-party certifier in accordance with [13 CFR 127.300](#). It automatically qualifies as a women-owned small business eligible under the WOSB Program.

*Forced or indentured child labor* means all work or service—

(1) Exacted from any person under the age of 18 under the menace of any penalty for its nonperformance and for which the worker does not offer himself voluntarily; or

(2) Performed by any person under the age of 18 pursuant to a contract the enforcement of which can be accomplished by process or penalties.

*Highest-level owner* means the entity that owns or controls an immediate owner of the offeror, or that owns or controls one or more entities that control an immediate owner of the offeror. No entity owns or exercises control of the highest level owner.

*Immediate owner* means an entity, other than the offeror, that has direct control of the offeror. Indicators of control include, but are not limited to, one or more of the following: ownership or interlocking management, identity of interests among family members, shared facilities and equipment, and the common use of employees.

*Inverted domestic corporation*, means a foreign incorporated entity that meets the definition of an inverted domestic corporation under [6 U.S.C. 395](#)(b), applied in accordance with the rules and definitions of [6 U.S.C. 395](#)(c).

*Manufactured end product* means any end product in product and service codes (PSCs) 1000-9999, except—

- (1) PSC 5510, Lumber and Related Basic Wood Materials;
- (2) Product or Service Group (PSG) 87, Agricultural Supplies;
- (3) PSG 88, Live Animals;
- (4) PSG 89, Subsistence;
- (5) PSC 9410, Crude Grades of Plant Materials;
- (6) PSC 9430, Miscellaneous Crude Animal Products, Inedible;
- (7) PSC 9440, Miscellaneous Crude Agricultural and Forestry Products;
- (8) PSC 9610, Ores;
- (9) PSC 9620, Minerals, Natural and Synthetic; and
- (10) PSC 9630, Additive Metal Materials.

*Place of manufacture* means the place where an end product is assembled out of components, or otherwise made or processed from raw materials into the finished product that is to be provided to the Government. If a product is disassembled and reassembled, the place of reassembly is not the place of manufacture.

*Predecessor* means an entity that is replaced by a successor and includes any predecessors of the predecessor.

*Reasonable inquiry* has the meaning provided in the clause [52.204-25](#), Prohibition on Contracting for Certain Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment.

*Restricted business operations* means business operations in Sudan that include power production activities, mineral extraction activities, oil-related activities, or the production of military equipment, as those terms are defined in the Sudan Accountability and Divestment Act of 2007 (Pub. L. 110-174). Restricted business operations do not include business operations that the person (as that term is defined in Section 2 of the Sudan Accountability and Divestment Act of 2007) conducting the business can demonstrate—

- (1) Are conducted under contract directly and exclusively with the regional government of southern Sudan;
- (2) Are conducted pursuant to specific authorization from the Office of Foreign Assets Control in the Department of the Treasury, or are expressly exempted under Federal law from the requirement to be conducted under such authorization;
- (3) Consist of providing goods or services to marginalized populations of Sudan;

(4) Consist of providing goods or services to an internationally recognized peacekeeping force or humanitarian organization;

(5) Consist of providing goods or services that are used only to promote health or education; or

(6) Have been voluntarily suspended. “Sensitive technology”—

*Sensitive technology*—

(1) Means hardware, software, telecommunications equipment, or any other technology that is to be used specifically—

(i) To restrict the free flow of unbiased information in Iran; or

(ii) To disrupt, monitor, or otherwise restrict speech of the people of Iran; and

(2) Does not include information or informational materials the export of which the President does not have the authority to regulate or prohibit pursuant to section 203(b)(3) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1702(b)(3)).

*Service-disabled veteran-owned small business concern*—

(1) Means a small business concern—

(i) Not less than 51 percent of which is owned by one or more service-disabled veterans or, in the case of any publicly owned business, not less than 51 percent of the stock of which is owned by one or more service-disabled veterans; and

(ii) The management and daily business operations of which are controlled by one or more service-disabled veterans or, in the case of a service-disabled veteran with permanent and severe disability, the spouse or permanent caregiver of such veteran.

(2) Service-disabled veteran means a veteran, as defined in [38 U.S.C. 101](#)(2), with a disability that is service connected, as defined in [38 U.S.C. 101](#)(16).

*Small business concern*—

(1) Means a concern, including its affiliates, that is independently owned and operated, not dominant in its field of operation, and qualified as a small business under the criteria in [13 CFR part 121](#) and size standards in this solicitation.

(2) *Affiliates*, as used in this definition, means business concerns, one of whom directly or indirectly controls or has the power to control the others, or a third party or parties control or have the power to control the others. In determining whether affiliation exists, consideration is given to all appropriate factors including common ownership, common management, and contractual relationships. SBA determines affiliation based on the factors set forth at 13 CFR 121.103.

*Small disadvantaged business concern*, consistent with 13 CFR 124.1002, means a small business concern under the size standard applicable to the acquisition, that—

(1) Is at least 51 percent unconditionally and directly owned (as defined at 13 CFR 124.105) by—

(i) One or more socially disadvantaged (as defined at 13 CFR 124.103) and economically disadvantaged (as defined at 13 CFR 124.104) individuals who are citizens of the United States; and

(ii) Each individual claiming economic disadvantage has a net worth not exceeding \$750,000 after taking into account the applicable exclusions set forth at 13 CFR 124.104(c)(2); and

(2) The management and daily business operations of which are controlled (as defined at 13 CFR 124.106) by individuals, who meet the criteria in paragraphs (1)(i) and (ii) of this definition.

*Subsidiary* means an entity in which more than 50 percent of the entity is owned—

(1) Directly by a parent corporation; or

(2) Through another subsidiary of a parent corporation

*Successor* means an entity that has replaced a predecessor by acquiring the assets and carrying out the affairs of the predecessor under a new name (often through acquisition or merger). The term "successor" does not include new offices/divisions of the same company or a company that only changes its name. The extent of the responsibility of the successor for the liabilities of the predecessor may vary, depending on State law and specific circumstances.

*Veteran-owned small business concern* means a small business concern—

(1) Not less than 51 percent of which is owned by one or more veterans (as defined at 38 U.S.C. 101(2)) or, in the case of any publicly owned business, not less than 51 percent of the stock of which is owned by one or more veterans; and

(2) The management and daily business operations of which are controlled by one or more veterans.

*Women-owned business concern* means a concern which is at least 51 percent owned by one or more women; or in the case of any publicly owned business, at least 51 percent of its stock is owned by one or more women; and whose management and daily business operations are controlled by one or more women

*Women-owned small business concern* means a small business concern—

(1) That is at least 51 percent owned by one or more women; or, in the case of any publicly owned business, at least 51 percent of the stock of which is owned by one or more women; and

(2) Whose management and daily business operations are controlled by one or more women.

*Women-owned small business (WOSB) concern eligible under the WOSB Program* (in accordance with [13 CFR part 127](#)), means a small business concern that is at least 51 percent directly and unconditionally owned by, and the management and daily business operations of which are controlled by, one or more women who are citizens of the United States, and the concern is certified by SBA or an approved third-party certifier in accordance with [13 CFR 127.300](#).

(b)

(1) *Annual Representations and Certifications.* Any changes provided by the Offeror in paragraph (b)(2) of this provision do not automatically change the representations and certifications in SAM.

(2) The offeror has completed the annual representations and certifications electronically in SAM accessed through <http://www.sam.gov>. After reviewing SAM information, the Offeror verifies by submission of this offer that the representations and certifications currently posted electronically at FAR [52.212-3](#), Offeror Representations and Certifications-Commercial Products and Commercial Services, have been entered or updated in the last 12 months, are current, accurate, complete, and applicable to this solicitation (including the business size standard(s) applicable to the NAICS code(s) referenced for this solicitation), at the time this offer is submitted and are incorporated in this offer by reference (see FAR [4.1201](#)), except for paragraphs \_\_\_\_\_.

*[Offeror to identify the applicable paragraphs at (c) through (v) of this provision that the offeror has completed for the purposes of this solicitation only, if any.]*

*These amended representation(s) and/or certification(s) are also incorporated in this offer and are current, accurate, and complete as of the date of this offer.*

*Any changes provided by the offeror are applicable to this solicitation only, and do not result in an update to the representations and certifications posted electronically on SAM.]*

(c) Offerors must complete the following representations when the resulting contract is for supplies to be delivered or services to be performed in the United States or its outlying areas, or when the contracting officer has applied [part 19](#) in accordance with [19.000\(b\)\(1\)\(ii\)](#). Check all that apply.

(1) *Small business concern.* The offeror represents as part of its offer that—

(i) It ☐ is, ☐ is not a small business concern; or

(ii) It ☐ is, ☐ is not a small business joint venture that complies with the requirements of [13 CFR 121.103\(h\)](#) and [13 CFR 125.8\(a\)](#) and [\(b\)](#). *[The offeror shall enter the name and unique entity identifier of each party to the joint venture: \_\_\_\_.]*

(2) *Veteran-owned small business concern.* *[Complete only if the offeror represented itself as a small business concern in paragraph (c)(1) of this provision.]* The offeror represents as part of its offer that it ☐ is, ☐ is not a veteran-owned small business concern.

(3) *Service-disabled veteran-owned small business concern.* [ *Complete only if the offeror represented itself as a veteran-owned small business concern in paragraph (c)(2) of this provision.*] The offeror represents as part of its offer that—

(4) *Small disadvantaged business concern.* [ *Complete only if the offeror represented itself as a small business concern in paragraph (c)(1) of this provision.*] The offeror represents, that it ☐ is, ☐ is not a small disadvantaged business concern as defined in 13 CFR 124.1002.

(5) *Women-owned small business concern.* [ *Complete only if the offeror represented itself as a small business concern in paragraph (c)(1) of this provision.*] The offeror represents that it ☐ is, ☐ is not a women-owned small business concern.

(6) *WOSB joint venture eligible under the WOSB Program.* The offeror represents that it ☐ is, ☐ is not a joint venture that complies with the requirements of [13 CFR 127.506\(a\)](#) through [\(c\)](#). [ *The offeror shall enter the name and unique entity identifier of each party to the joint venture: \_\_\_\_.*]

(7) *Economically disadvantaged women-owned small business (EDWOSB) joint venture.* The offeror represents that it ☐ is, ☐ is not a joint venture that complies with the requirements of [13 CFR 127.506\(a\)](#) through [\(c\)](#). [ *The offeror shall enter the name and unique entity identifier of each party to the joint venture: \_\_\_\_.*]

(8) *Women-owned business concern (other than small business concern).* [ *Complete only if the offeror is a women-owned business concern and did not represent itself as a small business concern in paragraph (c)(1) of this provision.*] The offeror represents that it ☐ is a women-owned business concern.

(9) *Tie bid priority for labor surplus area concerns.* If this is an invitation for bid, small business offerors may identify the labor surplus areas in which costs to be incurred on account of manufacturing or production (by offeror or first-tier subcontractors) amount to more than 50 percent of the contract price:\_\_\_\_\_

(10) *HUBZone small business concern.* [ *Complete only if the offeror represented itself as a small business concern in paragraph (c)(1) of this provision.*] The offeror represents, as part of its offer, that—

(i) It ☐ is, ☐ is not a HUBZone small business concern listed, on the date of this representation, as having been certified by SBA as a HUBZone small business concern in the Dynamic Small Business Search and SAM, and will attempt to maintain an employment rate of HUBZone residents of 35 percent of its employees during performance of a HUBZone contract (see [13 CFR 126.200\(e\)\(1\)](#)); and

(ii) It ☐ is, ☐ is not a HUBZone joint venture that complies with the requirements of [13 CFR 126.616\(a\)](#) through [\(c\)](#). [ *The offeror shall enter the name and unique entity identifier of each party to the joint venture: \_\_\_\_.*] Each HUBZone small business concern participating in the HUBZone joint venture shall provide representation of its HUBZone status.

(d) Representations required to implement provisions of Executive Order 11246-

(1) Previous contracts and compliance. The offeror represents that-

(i) It ☐ has, ☐ has not participated in a previous contract or subcontract subject to the Equal Opportunity clause of this solicitation; and

(ii) It ☐ has, ☐ has not filed all required compliance reports.

(2) *Affirmative Action Compliance*. The offeror represents that-

(i) It ☐ has developed and has on file, ☐ has not developed and does not have on file, at each establishment, affirmative action programs required by rules and regulations of the Secretary of Labor (41 CFR parts 60-1 and 60-2), or

(ii) It ☐ has not previously had contracts subject to the written affirmative action programs requirement of the rules and regulations of the Secretary of Labor.

(e) *Certification Regarding Payments to Influence Federal Transactions*

(31 <http://uscode.house.gov/> U.S.C. 1352). (Applies only if the contract is expected to exceed \$150,000.) By submission of its offer, the offeror certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief that no Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress or an employee of a Member of Congress on his or her behalf in connection with the award of any resultant contract. If any registrants under the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 have made a lobbying contact on behalf of the offeror with respect to this contract, the offeror shall complete and submit, with its offer, OMB Standard Form LLL, Disclosure of Lobbying Activities, to provide the name of the registrants. The offeror need not report regularly employed officers or employees of the offeror to whom payments of reasonable compensation were made.

(f) *Buy American Certificate*. (Applies only if the clause at Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) [52.225-1](#), Buy American-Supplies, is included in this solicitation.)

(1)

(i) The Offeror certifies that each end product and that each domestic end product listed in paragraph (f)(3) of this provision contains a critical component, except those listed in paragraph (f)(2) of this provision, is a domestic end product.

(ii) The Offeror shall list as foreign end products those end products manufactured in the United States that do not qualify as domestic end products. For those foreign end products that do not consist wholly or predominantly of iron or steel or a combination of both, the Offeror shall also indicate whether these foreign end products exceed 55 percent domestic content, except for those that are COTS items. If the percentage of the domestic content is unknown, select "no".

(iii) The Offeror shall separately list the line item numbers of domestic end products that contain a critical component (see FAR 25.105).

(iv) The terms “commercially available off-the-shelf (COTS) item,” “critical component,” “domestic end product,” “end product,” “foreign end product,” and “United States” are defined in the clause of this solicitation entitled “Buy American-Supplies.”

(2) Foreign End Products:

Line Item No.	Country of Origin	Exceeds 55% domestic content (yes/no)
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

*[List as necessary]*

(3) Domestic end products containing a critical component:

Line Item No. \_\_\_\_

*[List as necessary]*

(4) The Government will evaluate offers in accordance with the policies and procedures of FAR [part 25](#).

(g)

(1) *Buy American-Free Trade Agreements-Israeli Trade Act Certificate*. (Applies only if the clause at FAR [52.225-3](#), Buy American-Free Trade Agreements-Israeli Trade Act, is included in this solicitation.)

(i)

(A) The Offeror certifies that each end product, except those listed in paragraph (g)(1)(ii) or (iii) of this provision, is a domestic end product and that each domestic end product listed in paragraph (g)(1)(iv) of this provision contains a critical component.

(B) The terms “Bahrainian, Moroccan, Omani, Panamanian, or Peruvian end product,” “commercially available off-the-shelf (COTS) item,” “critical component,” “domestic end product,” “end product,” “foreign end product,” “Free Trade Agreement country,” “Free Trade Agreement country end product,” “Israeli end product,” and “United States” are defined in the clause of this solicitation entitled “Buy American-Free Trade Agreements-Israeli Trade Act.”



(ii) The Offeror certifies that the following supplies are Free Trade Agreement country end products (other than Bahrainian, Moroccan, Omani, Panamanian, or Peruvian end products) or Israeli end products as defined in the clause of this solicitation entitled "Buy American-Free Trade Agreements-Israeli Trade Act."

Free Trade Agreement Country End Products (Other than Bahrainian, Moroccan, Omani, Panamanian, or Peruvian End Products) or Israeli End Products:

Line Item No.	Country of Origin
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

*[List as necessary]*

(iii) The Offeror shall list those supplies that are foreign end products (other than those listed in paragraph (g)(1)(ii) of this provision) as defined in the clause of this solicitation entitled "Buy American-Free Trade Agreements-Israeli Trade Act." The Offeror shall list as other foreign end products those end products manufactured in the United States that do not qualify as domestic end products. For those foreign end products that do not consist wholly or predominantly of iron or steel or a combination of both, the Offeror shall also indicate whether these foreign end products exceed 55 percent domestic content, except for those that are COTS items. If the percentage of the domestic content is unknown, select "no".

Other Foreign End Products:

Line Item No.	Country of Origin	Exceeds 55% domestic content (yes/no)
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

[List as necessary]

(iv) The Offeror shall list the line item numbers of domestic end products that contain a critical component (see FAR [25.105](#)).

Line Item No. \_\_\_\_

[List as necessary]

(v) The Government will evaluate *offers* in accordance with the policies and procedures of FAR [part 25](#).

(2) *Buy American-Free Trade Agreements-Israeli Trade Act Certificate, Alternate II.* If Alternate II to the clause at FAR [52.225-3](#) is included in this solicitation, substitute the following paragraph (g)(1)(ii) for paragraph (g)(1)(ii) of the basic provision:

(g)(1)(ii) The offeror certifies that the following supplies are Israeli end products as defined in the clause of this solicitation entitled “Buy American—Free Trade Agreements—Israeli Trade Act”:

Israeli End Products:

**Line Item No.**

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

[List as necessary]

(3) *Buy American-Free Trade Agreements-Israeli Trade Act Certificate, Alternate III.* If Alternate III to the clause at [52.225-3](#) is included in this solicitation, substitute the following paragraph (g)(1)(ii) for paragraph (g)(1)(ii) of the basic provision:

(g)(1)(ii) The offeror certifies that the following supplies are Free Trade Agreement country end products (other than Bahrainian, Korean, Moroccan, Omani, Panamanian, or Peruvian end products) or Israeli end products as defined in the clause of this solicitation entitled “Buy American-Free Trade Agreements-Israeli Trade Act”:

Free Trade Agreement Country End Products (Other than Bahrainian, Korean, Moroccan, Omani, Panamanian, or Peruvian End Products) or Israeli End Products:

**Line Item No.**

**Country of Origin**

\_\_\_\_\_

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*[List as necessary]*

(4) *Trade Agreements Certificate.* (Applies only if the clause at FAR [52.225-5](#), Trade Agreements, is included in this solicitation.)

(i) The offeror certifies that each end product, except those listed in paragraph (g)(5)(ii) of this provision, is a U.S.-made or designated country end product, as defined in the clause of this solicitation entitled "Trade Agreements."

(ii) The offeror shall list as other end products those end products that are not U.S.-made or designated country end products.

Other End Products:

**Line Item No.**

**Country of Origin**

\_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

*[List as necessary]*

(iii) The Government will evaluate offers in accordance with the policies and procedures of FAR [part 25](#). For line items covered by the WTO GPA, the Government will evaluate offers of U.S.-made or designated country end products without regard to the restrictions of the Buy American statute. The Government will consider for award only offers of U.S.-made or designated country end products unless the Contracting Officer determines that there are no offers for such products or that the offers for such products are insufficient to fulfill the requirements of the solicitation.

(h) *Certification Regarding Responsibility Matters (Executive Order 12689)*. (Applies only if the contract value is expected to exceed the simplified acquisition threshold.) The offeror certifies, to the best of its knowledge and belief, that the offeror and/or any of its principals—

(1) ☐ Are, ☐ are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, or declared ineligible for the award of contracts by any Federal agency;

(2) ☐ Have, ☐ have not, within a three-year period preceding this offer, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for: commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a Federal, state or local government contract or subcontract; violation of Federal or state antitrust statutes relating to the submission of offers; or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, tax evasion, violating Federal criminal tax laws, or receiving stolen property;

(3) ☐ Are, ☐ are not presently indicted for, or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a Government entity with, commission of any of these offenses enumerated in paragraph (h)(2) of this clause; and

(4) ☐ Have, ☐ have not, within a three-year period preceding this offer, been notified of any delinquent Federal taxes in an amount that exceeds the threshold at [9.104-5\(a\)\(2\)](#) for which the liability remains unsatisfied.

(i) Taxes are considered delinquent if both of the following criteria apply:

(A) *The tax liability is finally determined.* The liability is finally determined if it has been assessed. A liability is not finally determined if there is a pending administrative or judicial challenge. In the case of a judicial challenge to the liability, the liability is not finally determined until all judicial appeal rights have been exhausted.

(B) *The taxpayer is delinquent in making payment.* A taxpayer is delinquent if the taxpayer has failed to pay the tax liability when full payment was due and required. A taxpayer is not delinquent in cases where enforced collection action is precluded.

(ii) *Examples.*

(A) The taxpayer has received a statutory notice of deficiency, under I.R.C. §6212, which entitles the taxpayer to seek Tax Court review of a proposed tax deficiency. This is not a delinquent tax because it is not a final tax liability. Should the taxpayer seek Tax Court review, this will not be a final tax liability until the taxpayer has exercised all judicial appeal rights.

(B) The IRS has filed a notice of Federal tax lien with respect to an assessed tax liability, and the taxpayer has been issued a notice under I.R.C. §6320 entitling the taxpayer to request a hearing with the IRS Office of Appeals contesting the lien filing, and to further appeal to the Tax Court if the IRS determines to sustain the lien filing. In the course of the hearing, the taxpayer is entitled to contest the underlying tax liability because the taxpayer has had no prior opportunity to contest the liability. This is not a delinquent tax because it is not a final tax

liability. Should the taxpayer seek tax court review, this will not be a final tax liability until the taxpayer has exercised all judicial appeal rights.

(C) The taxpayer has entered into an installment agreement pursuant to I.R.C. §6159. The taxpayer is making timely payments and is in full compliance with the agreement terms. The taxpayer is not delinquent because the taxpayer is not currently required to make full payment.

(D) The taxpayer has filed for bankruptcy protection. The taxpayer is not delinquent because enforced collection action is stayed under 11 U.S.C. §362 (the Bankruptcy Code).

(i) *Certification Regarding Knowledge of Child Labor for Listed End Products (Executive Order 13126).* [The Contracting Officer must list in paragraph (i)(1) any end products being acquired under this solicitation that are included in the List of Products Requiring Contractor Certification as to Forced or Indentured Child Labor, unless excluded at [22.1503\(b\)](#).]

(1) *Listed end products.*

Listed End Product	Listed Countries of Origin
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(2) *Certification.* [If the Contracting Officer has identified end products and countries of origin in paragraph (i)(1) of this provision, then the offeror must certify to either (i)(2)(i) or (i)(2)(ii) by checking the appropriate block.]

(i) The offeror will not supply any end product listed in paragraph (i)(1) of this provision that was mined, produced, or manufactured in the corresponding country as listed for that product.

(ii) The offeror may supply an end product listed in paragraph (i)(1) of this provision that was mined, produced, or manufactured in the corresponding country as listed for that product. The offeror certifies that it has made a good faith effort to determine whether forced or indentured child labor was used to mine, produce, or manufacture any such end product furnished under this contract. On the basis of those efforts, the offeror certifies that it is not aware of any such use of child labor.

(j) *Place of manufacture.* (Does not apply unless the solicitation is predominantly for the acquisition of manufactured end products.) For statistical purposes only, the offeror shall indicate whether the place of manufacture of the end products it expects to provide in response to this solicitation is predominantly-

(1) ☐ In the United States (Check this box if the total anticipated price of offered end products manufactured in the United States exceeds the total anticipated price of offered end products manufactured outside the United States); or

(2) ☐ Outside the United States.

(k) *Certificates regarding exemptions from the application of the Service Contract Labor Standards* (Certification by the offeror as to its compliance with respect to the contract also constitutes its certification as to compliance by its subcontractor if it subcontracts out the exempt services.) [The contracting officer is to check a box to indicate if paragraph (k)(1) or (k)(2) applies.]

(1) Maintenance, calibration, or repair of certain equipment as described in FAR [22.1003-4](#)(c)(1). The offeror ☐ does ☐ does not certify that—

(i) The items of equipment to be serviced under this contract are used regularly for other than Governmental purposes and are sold or traded by the offeror (or subcontractor in the case of an exempt subcontract) in substantial quantities to the general public in the course of normal business operations;

(ii) The services will be furnished at prices which are, or are based on, established catalog or market prices (see FAR [22.1003-4](#)(c)(2)(ii)) for the maintenance, calibration, or repair of such equipment; and

(iii) The compensation (wage and fringe benefits) plan for all service employees performing work under the contract will be the same as that used for these employees and equivalent employees servicing the same equipment of commercial customers.

(2) Certain services as described in FAR [22.1003-4](#)(d)(1). The offeror ☐ does ☐ does not certify that—

(i) The services under the contract are offered and sold regularly to non-Governmental customers, and are provided by the offeror (or subcontractor in the case of an exempt subcontract) to the general public in substantial quantities in the course of normal business operations;

(ii) The contract services will be furnished at prices that are, or are based on, established catalog or market prices (see FAR [22.1003-4](#)(d)(2)(iii));

(iii) Each service employee who will perform the services under the contract will spend only a small portion of his or her time (a monthly average of less than 20 percent of the available hours on an annualized basis, or less than 20 percent of available hours during the contract period if the contract period is less than a month) servicing the Government contract; and

(iv) The compensation (wage and fringe benefits) plan for all service employees performing work under the contract is the same as that used for these employees and equivalent employees servicing commercial customers.

(3) If paragraph (k)(1) or (k)(2) of this clause applies—

(i) If the offeror does not certify to the conditions in paragraph (k)(1) or (k)(2) and the Contracting Officer did not attach a Service Contract Labor Standards wage determination to the solicitation, the offeror shall notify the Contracting Officer as soon as possible; and

(ii) The Contracting Officer may not make an award to the offeror if the offeror fails to execute the certification in paragraph (k)(1) or (k)(2) of this clause or to contact the Contracting Officer as required in paragraph (k)(3)(i) of this clause.

(l) *Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)* ( [26 U.S.C. 6109](#), [31 U.S.C. 7701](#)). (Not applicable if the offeror is required to provide this information to the SAM to be eligible for award.)

(1) All offerors must submit the information required in paragraphs (l)(3) through (l)(5) of this provision to comply with debt collection requirements of [31 U.S.C. 7701\(c\)](#) and [3325\(d\)](#), reporting requirements of [26 U.S.C. 6041](#), [6041A](#), and [6050M](#), and implementing regulations issued by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

(2) The TIN may be used by the Government to collect and report on any delinquent amounts arising out of the offeror's relationship with the Government ( [31 U.S.C. 7701\(c\)\(3\)](#)). If the resulting contract is subject to the payment reporting requirements described in FAR [4.904](#), the TIN provided hereunder may be matched with IRS records to verify the accuracy of the offeror's TIN.

(3) *Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)*.

TIN: \_\_\_\_\_.

TIN has been applied for.

TIN is not required because:

Offeror is a nonresident alien, foreign corporation, or foreign partnership that does not have income effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business in the United States and does not have an office or place of business or a fiscal paying agent in the United States;

Offeror is an agency or instrumentality of a foreign government;

Offeror is an agency or instrumentality of the Federal Government.

(4) *Type of organization*.

Sole proprietorship;

Partnership;

Corporate entity (not tax-exempt);

Corporate entity (tax-exempt);

Government entity (Federal, State, or local);

Foreign government;

International organization per 26 CFR 1.6049-4;

Other \_\_\_\_\_.

(5) *Common parent.*

Offeror is not owned or controlled by a common parent;

Name and TIN of common parent:

Name \_\_\_\_\_.

TIN \_\_\_\_\_.

(m) *Restricted business operations in Sudan.* By submission of its offer, the offeror certifies that the offeror does not conduct any restricted business operations in Sudan.

(n) *Prohibition on Contracting with Inverted Domestic Corporations.*

(1) Government agencies are not permitted to use appropriated (or otherwise made available) funds for contracts with either an inverted domestic corporation, or a subsidiary of an inverted domestic corporation, unless the exception at [9.108-2\(b\)](#) applies or the requirement is waived in accordance with the procedures at [9.108-4](#).

(2) *Representation.* The Offeror represents that—

(i) It ☐ is, ☐ is not an inverted domestic corporation; and

(ii) It ☐ is, ☐ is not a subsidiary of an inverted domestic corporation.

(o) *Prohibition on contracting with entities engaging in certain activities or transactions relating to Iran.*

(1) The offeror shall e-mail questions concerning sensitive technology to the Department of State at [CISADA106@state.gov](mailto:CISADA106@state.gov).

(2) *Representation and Certifications.* Unless a waiver is granted or an exception applies as provided in paragraph (o)(3) of this provision, by submission of its offer, the offeror—

(i) Represents, to the best of its knowledge and belief, that the offeror does not export any sensitive technology to the government of Iran or any entities or individuals owned or controlled by, or acting on behalf or at the direction of, the government of Iran;

(ii) Certifies that the offeror, or any person owned or controlled by the offeror, does not engage in any activities for which sanctions may be imposed under section 5 of the Iran Sanctions Act; and



(iii) Certifies that the offeror, and any person owned or controlled by the offeror, does not knowingly engage in any transaction that exceeds the threshold at FAR [25.703-2\(a\)\(2\)](#) with Iran's Revolutionary Guard Corps or any of its officials, agents, or affiliates, the property and interests in property of which are blocked pursuant to the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (et seq.) (see OFAC's Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons List at <https://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/sanctions/SDN-List/Pages/default.aspx>).

(3) The representation and certification requirements of paragraph (o)(2) of this provision do not apply if-

(i) This solicitation includes a trade agreements certification (e.g., [52.212-3\(g\)](#) or a comparable agency provision); and

(ii) The offeror has certified that all the offered products to be supplied are designated country end products.

(p) *Ownership or Control of Offeror.* (Applies in all solicitations when there is a requirement to be registered in SAM or a requirement to have a unique entity identifier in the solicitation).

(1) The Offeror represents that it ☐ has or ☐ does not have an immediate owner. If the Offeror has more than one immediate owner (such as a joint venture), then the Offeror shall respond to paragraph (2) and if applicable, paragraph (3) of this provision for each participant in the joint venture.

(2) If the Offeror indicates "has" in paragraph (p)(1) of this provision, enter the following information:

Immediate owner CAGE code: \_\_\_\_\_.

Immediate owner legal name: \_\_\_\_\_.

(Do not use a "doing business as" name)

Is the immediate owner owned or controlled by another entity: ☐ Yes or ☐ No.

(3) If the Offeror indicates "yes" in paragraph (p)(2) of this provision, indicating that the immediate owner is owned or controlled by another entity, then enter the following information:

Highest-level owner CAGE code: \_\_\_\_\_.

Highest-level owner legal name: \_\_\_\_\_.

(Do not use a "doing business as" name)

(q) *Representation by Corporations Regarding Delinquent Tax Liability or a Felony Conviction under any Federal Law.*

(1) As required by sections 744 and 745 of Division E of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Pub. L. 113-235), and similar provisions, if contained in subsequent appropriations acts, The Government will not enter into a contract with any corporation that—

(i) Has any unpaid Federal tax liability that has been assessed, for which all judicial and administrative remedies have been exhausted or have lapsed, and that is not being paid in a timely manner pursuant to an agreement with the authority responsible for collecting the tax liability, where the awarding agency is aware of the unpaid tax liability, unless an agency has considered suspension or debarment of the corporation and made a determination that suspension or debarment is not necessary to protect the interests of the Government; or

(ii) Was convicted of a felony criminal violation under any Federal law within the preceding 24 months, where the awarding agency is aware of the conviction, unless an agency has considered suspension or debarment of the corporation and made a determination that this action is not necessary to protect the interests of the Government.

(2) The Offeror represents that—

(i) It is ☐ is not ☐ a corporation that has any unpaid Federal tax liability that has been assessed, for which all judicial and administrative remedies have been exhausted or have lapsed, and that is not being paid in a timely manner pursuant to an agreement with the authority responsible for collecting the tax liability; and

(ii) It is ☐ is not ☐ a corporation that was convicted of a felony criminal violation under a Federal law within the preceding 24 months.

(r) *Predecessor of Offeror.* (Applies in all solicitations that include the provision at [52.204-16](#), Commercial and Government Entity Code Reporting.)

(1) The Offeror represents that it ☐ is or ☐ is not a successor to a predecessor that held a Federal contract or grant within the last three years.

(2) If the Offeror has indicated "is" in paragraph (r)(1) of this provision, enter the following information for all predecessors that held a Federal contract or grant within the last three years (if more than one predecessor, list in reverse chronological order):

Predecessor CAGE code: (or mark "Unknown").

Predecessor legal name: \_\_\_\_\_.

(Do not use a "doing business as" name).

(s) [Reserved].

(t) *Public Disclosure of Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Reduction Goals.* Applies in all solicitations that require offerors to register in SAM ( [12.301](#)(d)(1)).

(1) This representation shall be completed if the Offeror received \$7.5 million or more in contract awards in the prior Federal fiscal year. The representation is optional if

the Offeror received less than \$7.5 million in Federal contract awards in the prior Federal fiscal year.

(2) Representation. [Offeror to check applicable block(s) in paragraph (t)(2)(i) and (ii)].

(i) The Offeror (itself or through its immediate owner or highest-level owner) ☐ does, ☐ does not publicly disclose greenhouse gas emissions, i.e., makes available on a publicly accessible website the results of a greenhouse gas inventory, performed in accordance with an accounting standard with publicly available and consistently applied criteria, such as the Greenhouse Gas Protocol Corporate Standard.

(ii) The Offeror (itself or through its immediate owner or highest-level owner) ☐ does, ☐ does not publicly disclose a quantitative greenhouse gas emissions reduction goal, i.e., make available on a publicly accessible website a target to reduce absolute emissions or emissions intensity by a specific quantity or percentage.

(iii) A publicly accessible website includes the Offeror's own website or a recognized, third-party greenhouse gas emissions reporting program.

(3) If the Offeror checked "does" in paragraphs (t)(2)(i) or (t)(2)(ii) of this provision, respectively, the Offeror shall provide the publicly accessible website(s) where greenhouse gas emissions and/or reduction goals are reported:\_\_\_\_\_.

(u)

(1) In accordance with section 743 of Division E, Title VII, of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Pub. L. 113-235) and its successor provisions in subsequent appropriations acts (and as extended in continuing resolutions), Government agencies are not permitted to use appropriated (or otherwise made available) funds for contracts with an entity that requires employees or subcontractors of such entity seeking to report waste, fraud, or abuse to sign internal confidentiality agreements or statements prohibiting or otherwise restricting such employees or subcontractors from lawfully reporting such waste, fraud, or abuse to a designated investigative or law enforcement representative of a Federal department or agency authorized to receive such information.

(2) The prohibition in paragraph (u)(1) of this provision does not contravene requirements applicable to Standard Form 312 (Classified Information Nondisclosure Agreement), Form 4414 (Sensitive Compartmented Information Nondisclosure Agreement), or any other form issued by a Federal department or agency governing the nondisclosure of classified information.

(3) *Representation.* By submission of its offer, the Offeror represents that it will not require its employees or subcontractors to sign or comply with internal confidentiality agreements or statements prohibiting or otherwise restricting such employees or subcontractors from lawfully reporting waste, fraud, or abuse related to the performance of a Government contract to a designated investigative or law enforcement representative of a Federal department or agency authorized to receive such information (e.g., agency Office of the Inspector General).

(v) *Covered Telecommunications Equipment or Services-Representation*. Section 889(a)(1)(A) and section 889 (a)(1)(B) of Public Law 115-232.

(1) The Offeror shall review the list of excluded parties in the System for Award Management (SAM) ( <https://www.sam.gov>) for entities excluded from receiving federal awards for "covered telecommunications equipment or services".

(2) The Offeror represents that—

(i) It ☐ does, ☐ does not provide covered telecommunications equipment or services as a part of its offered products or services to the Government in the performance of any contract, subcontract, or other contractual instrument.

(ii) After conducting a reasonable inquiry for purposes of this representation, that it ☐ does, ☐ does not use covered telecommunications equipment or services, or any equipment, system, or service that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services.

(End of Provision)

*Alternate I (Oct 2014)*. As prescribed in [12.301](#)(b)(2), add the following paragraph (c)(11) to the basic provision:

(11) (Complete if the offeror has represented itself as disadvantaged in paragraph (c)(4) of this provision.)

\_\_\_\_\_ Black American.

\_\_\_\_\_ Hispanic American.

\_\_\_\_\_ Native American (American Indians, Eskimos, Aleuts, or Native Hawaiians).

\_\_\_\_\_ Asian-Pacific American (persons with origins from Burma, Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, Singapore, Brunei, Japan, China, Taiwan, Laos, Cambodia (Kampuchea), Vietnam, Korea, The Philippines, Republic of Palau, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, Samoa, Macao, Hong Kong, Fiji, Tonga, Kiribati, Tuvalu, or Nauru).

\_\_\_\_\_ Subcontinent Asian (Asian-Indian) American (persons with origins from India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Bhutan, the Maldives Islands, or Nepal).

\_\_\_\_\_ Individual/concern, other than one of the preceding.

52.229-11 TAX ON CERTAIN FOREIGN PROCUREMENTS – NOTICE AND REPRESENTATION (JUN 2020)

(a) *Definitions*. As used in this provision—

*Foreign person* means any person other than a United States person.

*Specified Federal procurement payment* means any payment made pursuant to a contract with a foreign contracting party that is for goods, manufactured or produced, or services provided in a foreign country that is not a party to an international procurement agreement with the United States. For purposes of the prior sentence, a foreign country does not include an outlying area.

*United States person* as defined in 26 U.S.C. 7701(a)(30) means—

(1) A citizen or resident of the United States;

(2) A domestic partnership;

(3) A domestic corporation;

(4) Any estate (other than a foreign estate, within the meaning of 26 U.S.C. 701(a)(31)); and

(5) Any trust if—

(i) A court within the United States is able to exercise primary supervision over the administration of the trust; and

(ii) One or more United States persons have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust.

(b) Unless exempted, there is a 2 percent tax of the amount of a specified Federal procurement payment on any foreign person receiving such payment. See 26 U.S.C. 5000C and its implementing regulations at 26 CFR 1.5000C-1 through 1.5000C-7.

(c) Exemptions from withholding under this provision are described at 26 CFR 1.5000C-1(d)(5) through (7). The Offeror would claim an exemption from the withholding by using the Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Form W-14, Certificate of Foreign Contracting Party Receiving Federal Procurement Payments, available via the internet at [www.irs.gov/w14](http://www.irs.gov/w14). Any exemption claimed and self-certified on the IRS Form W-14 is subject to audit by the IRS. Any disputes regarding the imposition and collection of the 26 U.S.C. 5000C tax are adjudicated by the IRS as the 26 U.S.C. 5000C tax is a tax matter, not a contract issue. The IRS Form W-14 is provided to the acquiring agency rather than to the IRS.

(d) For purposes of withholding under 26 U.S.C. 5000C, the Offeror represents that—

(1) It ☐ is ☐ is not a foreign person; and

(2) If the Offeror indicates “is” in paragraph (d)(1) of this provision, then the Offeror represents that—I am claiming on the IRS Form W-14 ☐ a full exemption, or ☐ partial or no exemption [*Offeror shall select one*] from the excise tax.

(e) If the Offeror represents it is a foreign person in paragraph (d)(1) of this provision, then—

(1) The clause at FAR 52.229-12, Tax on Certain Foreign Procurements, will be included in any resulting contract; and

(2) The Offeror shall submit with its offer the IRS Form W-14. If the IRS Form W-14 is not submitted with the offer, exemptions will not be applied to any resulting contract and the Government will withhold a full 2 percent of each payment.

(f) If the Offeror selects “is” in paragraph (d)(1) and “partial or no exemption” in paragraph (d)(2) of this provision, the Offeror will be subject to withholding in accordance with the clause at FAR 52.229-12, Tax on Certain Foreign Procurements, in any resulting contract.

(g) A taxpayer may, for a fee, seek advice from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) as to the proper tax treatment of a transaction. This is called a private letter ruling. Also, the IRS may publish a revenue ruling, which is an official interpretation by the IRS of the Internal Revenue Code, related statutes, tax treaties, and regulations. A revenue ruling is the conclusion of the IRS on how the law is applied to a specific set of facts. For questions relating to the interpretation of the IRS regulations go to <https://www.irs.gov/help/tax-law-questions>.

(End of provision)

THE FOLLOWING DOSAR PROVISION IS PROVIDED IN FULL TEXT:

652.225-70 ARAB LEAGUE BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL (AUG 1999)

(a) Definitions. As used in this provision:

Foreign person means any person other than a United States person as defined below.

United States person means any United States resident or national (other than an individual resident outside the United States and employed by other than a United States person), any domestic concern (including any permanent domestic establishment of any foreign concern), and any foreign subsidiary or affiliate (including any permanent foreign establishment) of any domestic concern which is controlled in fact by such domestic concern, as provided under the Export Administration Act of 1979, as amended.

(b) Certification. By submitting this offer, the offeror certifies that it is not:

- (1) Taking or knowingly agreeing to take any action, with respect to the boycott of Israel by Arab League countries, which Section 8(a) of the Export Administration Act of 1979, as amended (50 U.S.C. 2407(a)) prohibits a United States person from taking; or,
- (2) Discriminating in the award of subcontracts on the basis of religion.

(End of Provision)

ADDENDUM TO SOLICITATION PROVISIONS  
FAR AND DOSAR PROVISIONS NOT PRESCRIBED IN PART 12

52.252-1 SOLICITATION PROVISIONS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE (FEB 1998)

This solicitation incorporates one or more solicitation provisions by reference, with the same force and effect as if they were given in full text. Upon request, the Contracting Officer will make their full text available. In addition, the full text of a clause may be accessed electronically at [Acquisition.gov](http://Acquisition.gov) this address is subject to change.

If the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) is not available at the location indicated above, use the Department of State Acquisition website at [e-CFR](http://e-CFR) to see the links to the FAR. You may also use an Internet “search engine” (for example, Google, Yahoo or Excite) to obtain the latest location of the most current FAR.

THE FOLLOWING FEDERAL ACQUISITION REGULATION SOLICITATION  
PROVISIONS ARE INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE:

52.225-25 PROHIBITION ON CONTRACTING WITH ENTITIES ENGAGING IN  
CERTAIN ACTIVITIES OR TRANSACTIONS RELATING TO IRAN—  
REPRESENTATION AND CERTIFICATIONS (JUN 2020)